

Connecticut State University System
Board of Trustees

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RESOLUTION

concerning

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF STANDARD PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

FOR

STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDS

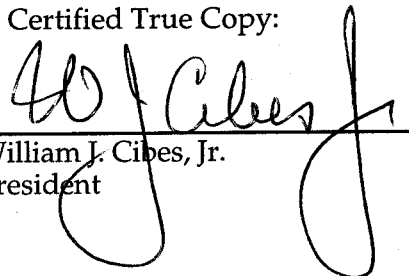
for the

CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

February 16, 1996

- WHEREAS, The Student Government Associations in each of the four Universities in the Connecticut State University System have primary authority for the utilization and distribution of the Student Government Funds of their Universities,
- WHEREAS, The Connecticut State University System has assigned the legitimate oversight responsibility to the respective university administrations for the expenditure of these funds,
- WHEREAS, Both principles of student authority and the university oversight are consistent with federal and state statues, regulations and university practice,
- WHEREAS, These guiding principles arise out of a process of continuous quality improvement in the sound administration of student government funds, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System endorses the attached statement of Guiding Principles of Standard Practices and Procedures for Student Government Funds at the four universities that comprise the Connecticut State University System.

A Certified True Copy:



William J. Cipes, Jr.
President



Student Government Funds
Principles of Standard Practices and Procedures

The following principles of standard practices and procedures associated with the operation of student government funds at each of the universities that comprise the Connecticut State University system, are presented in recognition of both the primary authority that students have over such funds, and the legitimate oversight responsibility vested in the respective university administrations. One does not negate the other. Because both principles of student authority and university oversight are consistent with federal and state statutes and university practice, the following need not be committed to legislation nor formal policy, but rather should be regarded as procedural starting points in a process of continuous quality improvement for the sound administration of student government funds by all concerned.

- The two major sets of procedures associated with student government funds at each university involve: (1) the personnel practices (hiring, supervision, termination) pertaining to student government staff; and (2) the financial procedures pertaining to the expenditure of student government dollars. The principles of student authority and university oversight articulated above can be, and should be, maintained for both sets of procedures.
- Each university, in consultation with student government representatives, should establish clear procedures -- consistent with federal and state law, and university policy and practice -- for personnel operations pertaining to student government staff, and for the carrying-out of the financial business of student government. As part of its oversight role, the university should over-rule student decisions only when federal or state statute, or university policy or practice, is violated. On those rare occasions, such action should be communicated immediately to the student government.
- Appropriate university personnel practices and financial procedures related to student government funds, should be reviewed and agreed upon annually in a meeting between representatives of the student government and the university administration.
- Student government's approved constitutional processes should be respected by the administration; federal and state statutes, and university policy and practices, should be respected by the student government.
- University overhead costs charged to student government funds should not exceed 15 percent unless expressly agreed upon by both the university and the student government.

