

Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

FOR A

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN  
WOMEN'S STUDIES

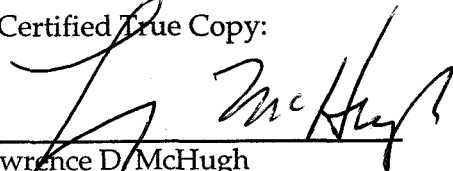
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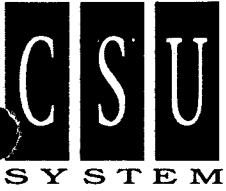
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

April 4, 1997

RESOLVED, That under the authority granted to the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System in Chapter 185b, Section 10a-87 and 10a-149 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System is authorized to seek licensure and accreditation from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education for a Master of Arts Degree in Women's Studies to be presented by Southern Connecticut State University.

A Certified True Copy:

  
Lawrence D. McHugh  
Chairman



Connecticut State University System



April 28, 1997

Dr. Andrew G. DeRocco  
Commission  
Department of Higher Education  
61 Woodland Street  
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear Commissioner DeRocco:

On behalf of the CSU Board of Trustees I request your consideration and that of the Board of Governors on the following matters.

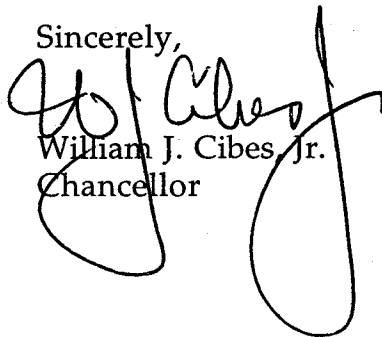
Central Connecticut State University has requested the elimination of the Bachelor's in Physical Science General Degree Program (40010) currently listed on the program inventory. President Judd of Central has certified that all students enrolled in this program have graduated.

Southern Connecticut State University has submitted two new program requests for licensure and accreditation: A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music and a Masters of Arts Degree in Women's Studies. Copies of the application documents, program summaries, and two campus catalogs will be submitted directly to the Department of Higher Education from Southern.

Western Connecticut State University has also requested a revision to their Master of Public Administration Degree request and feels that it would be more appropriate to request licensure and accreditation as a Master of Science Degree in Justice Administration. Program documentation is currently at the Department of Higher Education.

These requests were all authorized by our Board of Trustees by resolutions of April 4, 1997, copies enclosed. Please let me know if further information is needed.

Sincerely,



William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor

cc: CSU Presidents

**ITEM**

Licensure and Accreditation for a Master of Arts Degree in Women's Studies at Southern Connecticut State University

**BACKGROUND**

The Master of Arts Degree Program in Women's Studies is designed to give students access to advanced concepts in Women's Studies, to the specialized research methods of the field, and to the professional skills related to Women's Studies that can be applied in the work place. The coursework in the degree emphasizes interdisciplinarity but requires either a concentration in a traditional discipline or a related/applied area or a specialization designed by the student in consultation with his/her advisor.

The Women's Studies Program at Southern provides a broad spectrum of high quality academic offerings including interdisciplinary courses, courses cross-listed with other degree programs and special summer and intersession institutes. At this time, the Women's Studies Program offers more than 25 undergraduate and 15 graduate courses.

**ANALYSIS**

The target student clientele for the graduate degree in Women's Studies includes a wide range of individuals who wish to advance professionally who are seeking to prepare for careers or to change careers, who need to earn a master's degree as an essential step toward a doctoral degree or who are earning a degree for reasons of personal growth, to find intellectual stimulation or to make a greater personal contribution to society. This program will readily meet the needs of adult learners. The demographics of the student population at Southern indicates that this degree is both apt and important for the institution.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize Southern Connecticut State University to seek licensure and accreditation from the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education for a Master of Arts Degree in Women's Studies.