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William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor, Connecticut State University System (CSU)
Robert Aebersold, Interim President, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU)
David G. Carter, President, Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU)
Cheryl J. Norton, President, Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU)
James W. Schmotter, President, Western Connecticut State University (WCSU)
Estela Lopez, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs;
Pamela Kedderis, Chief Financial Officer; Yvette Melendez Thiesfield, Chief
Administrative Officer, and Rebecca Amberg, Associate for Board Affairs

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order and requested a motion to
approve the Regular Session Minutes of April 1, 2005. Mr. Balducci so moved; Mr.
Pugliese seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

CHANCELLOR/PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Chancellor Cibes stated that the presidents would be reporting on how the
universities are partnering with business and the community. On the system level he
reported that Vice Chancellor Estela Lopez has been named by Hartford’s Mayor Perez
to co-chair a task force to focus on improving college attendance. The effort is also branching out to the City of Bridgeport as well. Dr. Lopez is working with the State Department of Education (SDE) to improve high school curriculum, particularly mathematics, so students are better prepared to attend college. She is also involved with SDE on a grant to redesign the American high school.

Chancellor Cibes reported that CSU is collaborating with the Department of Higher Education to track students who enter college to see where they go as the move through their academic career. While we have been aware and have reported on the phenomenon of student swirl we are not sure how widespread it is. By working with a consultant, we expect to get more data to enable us to do the tracking. The Chancellor also mentioned collaboration with CHEFA and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness for grants for nursing education.

(Mr. Galbicsek arrived.)

Chancellor Cibes stated that through a purchasing consortium with the University of Connecticut and others, we were able to purchase a permanent license to implement the VISTA course management system at a savings of approximately $100,000. As VISTA is implemented across the system, he anticipates even further savings.

Chancellor Cibes commended the work of Chief Financial Officer Pam Kedderis and her staff for their efforts in working with small and minority business vendors to help them become vendors for the state. As a result, we are now able to exceed the annual goals for CHRO guidelines in utilizing their services.

In summary, Chancellor Cibes remarked that overall the system tries to support and contribute to what the universities are doing but it is really at that level where partnership truly occurs. For example, an organization he is affiliated with, the Antiquarians and Landmarks Association, is partnering with the History Department at Central Connecticut State University to do public history programming.

President Aebersold noted that the report provided is but a small sampling of what Central is doing with the community and businesses. He highlighted some of the educational partnerships such as the relationships with five school districts, particularly
the Dwight Elementary School program where 500 students visit the campus each year to see what college is all about and be inspired to want to attend when they graduate.

Trustee Motley interjected that when he was with St. Paul Travelers Foundation, one of the partners in the program, he attended these visits with the children and it was always the best day of the year for him.

President Aebersold pointed out other partnerships through the Institute of Technology and Business Development and the Center for Public Policy and Politics, as well as collaborations with community colleges, community service organizations and international institutions.

President Norton reported that in partnering with the community Southern has two structures one very formalized that is institutionally developed and connected to the university mission through various programs. She cited a number of teacher education partnerships, noting that without the participation of clinics and schools in the community, we could not complete the educational mission since some programs require hands on learning. Other affiliations such as with healthcare providers, institutional advancement partnerships with area businesses and corporations to sponsor events and scholarships, and numerous arts and cultural associations that bring renowned musicians, artists and performers to the university most of which are open to the public.

President Norton commented that the second partnership structure is very informal and student driven, allowing students to develop a sense of community involvement and contribute to the betterment of the community and become good citizens and leaders. She noted several events where students work with national organizations such as the Relay for Life, Connecticut Special Olympics and local outreach programs such as food and clothing drives, cleanup of the environment, and working with area schools helping students learn to read.

President Schmotter first thanked all those who were able to attend his inauguration ceremony on April 15th. He then referred to his report and indicated the Western looks at partnering in a very systematic way to ensure they address the mission and the four pillars he outlined in his inaugural address: mastery, creativity, diversity and opportunity. He noted that the selection of activities in the report illustrates this
well and they are able to decline those opportunities that do not meet these criteria. He also indicated that great ideas come with high costs and they are looking at those costs closely.

President Schmotter pointed out some of the more prominent partnerships that have provided visibility within the region and interdisciplinary collaboration such as the Roots & Shoots and Praxis Programs that encourage science and environmental education on campus; the Nursing Department and Danbury Hospital; the Center for Business Research; and the Executive Forum. All of these and many other represent how the university serves not only important social needs in the Danbury community and generates revenue, but in all cases, involves students and provides them with opportunities for active learning experiences.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Eberhard-Asch reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met at Western Connecticut State University on April 27, 2005, and recommends the following item:

*Recommendation to award an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Ms. Marge Piercy.*

President Carter notes in his nomination that Ms. Piercy is a best-selling author and poet of sixteen novels and books of poetry and has received critical acclaim on her memoir *Sleeping With Cats*. She has been a featured writer on the Bill Moyers PBS Specials, Garrison Keillor’s Prairie Home Companion and many radio programs nationwide. She has taught, lectured, and/or performed her work at well over 350 universities around the world. President Carter has confirmed Ms. Piercy’s agreement to accept the degree at Eastern’s May 22nd commencement.

Ms. Eberhard-Asch moved approval of the nomination; Mr. Doyle seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Ms. Eberhard-Asch noted that the committee was informed that FIPSE approved CSU’s project to retain teachers and the funds have been disbursed to the universities so they can begin working on their projects. With regard to the $75,000 received from CHEFA for nursing education, it was reported that the Office of Workplace Competiveness and the Department of Higher Education (DHE) have added $100,000 to support efforts to train nursing educators.
Ms. Eberhard-Asch commented that a CSU System report on Students with Disabilities Fall 2001 – Fall 2004 was distributed. This report shows that learning disabilities continues to be the leading reported disability, however the number of other disabilities have increased while the number of students with learning disabilities has declined in recent years. The Vice Presidents also discussed their campuses’ activities with students with disabilities.

(Prior to adjournment of the meeting, Mr. Doyle thanked Ms. Eberhard-Asch for chairing the Academic Affairs Committee meeting in his absence.)

**Development Committee**

Mr. Pugliese reported that the Development Committee held its regular meeting on April 28, 2005 and recommends the following item.

*Request to Name the New Westside Residence Hall at Western Connecticut State University as Centennial Hall:* The students at Western informally refer to the facility as Centennial Hall, as work began the year of Western’s centennial celebration. The generic nature of the name provides some flexibility in the event a donor is identified in the future, which would provide an opportunity for more personalized naming of the facility.

Mr. Pugliese moved approval of the resolution; Mr. Panciera seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**WHEREAS,** The new Westside Residence Hall at Western Connecticut State University opened in August of 2004, and

**WHEREAS,** This facility has been informally named by students and staff Centennial Hall as work began during the year of Western’s centennial celebration, and

**WHEREAS,** The generic nature of the names permits some flexibility to the university in the event an appropriate donor is identified in the future giving the opportunity for a more personalized naming of the facility, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby designates the Westside Residence Hall at Western Connecticut State University to be now known as Centennial Hall.
Mr. Pugliese noted that as part of its regular agenda, the quarterly gift income reports from the universities were reviewed and the Vice Presidents for Institutional Advancement also highlighted various fundraising events planned for the near future.

Mr. Pugliese reported that the committee was notified of a $50,000 grant that the CSU System has received from the St. Paul Travelers Foundation to assist the universities in their ongoing development efforts. The System Office is currently working with university presidents along with the Vice Presidents for Institutional Advancement to implement the objectives of the grant. He extended his appreciation to Trustee Motley for facilitating the award of the grant.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Krapek reported that the Finance and Administration Committee met on Friday, April 29, 2005 and recommends the following items:

*2005 Faculty Promotion and Tenure Recommendations:* The committee reviewed and approved recommendations for faculty promotion and tenure from each of the university presidents for 2005.

Mr. Krapek moved approval of the recommendations; Mr. Balducci seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

*Authorization to Borrow up to $92,400,000 from the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority:* Approval will permit CSU to secure additional bonding through CHEFA, not to exceed $92,400,000, to finance auxiliary service capital projects proposed for funding in fiscal year 2004-2005. It is anticipated that the issuance of these bonds, which would be Series G, to take place in June of 2005. A portion of the bond proceeds would be used to renovate residence halls and to complete minor capital projects at all four universities, and would be repaid using University Fee revenues. A portion of the bonds would also be used to finance the purchase and renovation of the Essex House at Central Connecticut State University, which would be repaid using CCSU Housing Fees; and funding for an 800-vehicle parking garage on the Midtown campus of Western Connecticut State University, which would be repaid using WCSU student Parking Fees. There are still some issues outstanding regarding the purchase of the Essex House, which may cause this project to be removed from the Series G bond
issue. Therefore, the resolution would also permit financing of the Essex House to occur at some other time in the future rather than in the Series G bond issue.

Mr. Krapek moved approval of the resolution; Mr. Balducci seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System (CSU) has requested and may request in the future the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) to issue its revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority Act, being Chapter 187 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, including Public Act No. 95-270 (the CHEFA Act) to finance in one or more series all or a portion of the cost of (i) various additions and improvements to residential and other facilities of CSU and related expenses; (ii) to fund the Debt Service Reserve Fund in an amount equal to the Debt Service Reserve Fund requirement; and (iii) any other financing costs associated with the capital program (see Exhibit A, attached); and

WHEREAS, CHEFA will submit to CSU for approval and execution in the name of and on behalf of CSU, various agreements, contracts, and other instruments, which may include, without limitation, loan agreements, pursuant to which CSU will be obligated to make payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on CHEFA’s revenue bonds, and will secure its repayment obligations by pledges of revenues of the University Fee, and all or part of revenues from Student Parking Fees and Housing Fees at Southern Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State University and Central Connecticut State University as are necessary to secure the bonds, and certain other charges of CSU; tax compliance agreements pertaining to certain representations and agreements of CSU to preserve the tax exemption on CHEFA’s revenue bonds; representation and indemnity agreements, pursuant to which CSU will make various representations and indemnifications in connection with the sale and issuance of CHEFA’s revenue bonds; continuing disclosure agreements, pursuant to which CSU will agree to provide financial statements and other operating data to the secondary bond market; environmental indemnity agreements, pursuant to which CSU will make various representations and indemnifications concerning environmental and related matters; official statements pursuant to which CHEFA’s revenue bonds will be sold, and other documents and agreements requested by CHEFA which are necessary or appropriate to effectuate the financing of the capital program; and CSU will issue its notes to secure its obligations under the loan agreements; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System is requesting assistance from CHEFA in connection with financing the capital program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves the following provisions for authorization of CSU to borrow from CHEFA as described below:
Section 1. That the Board hereby approves the capital program substantially in the form as described in Exhibit A hereto, but reserves the right, in its discretion, not to undertake any one or more of the components of the capital program, to amend the scope and details of any component of the capital program, or to add additional components to be financed by any borrowings to finance the capital program.

Section 2. That the action of the officers of CSU, in submitting a request to CHEFA in the name of and on behalf of CSU in connection with financing of the capital program, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved and any future similar request of officers of CSU in furtherance of financing portions of the capital program in Exhibit A is hereby authorized.

Section 3. That CSU borrow a sum not to exceed $92,400,000 million from CHEFA to be used for the purpose of financing so much of the capital program, as described in Exhibit A hereto, as may be financed with proceeds of such borrowings, including but not limited to design and construction costs, equipment, materials, architect and engineering fees and other expenses related to the capital program, funding of a Debt Service Reserve Fund and paying costs of the financings; and that CSU may spend additional moneys on any component of the capital program from available funds from State General Obligation Bonds and past and future borrowings from CHEFA.

Section 4. That the Board hereby approves the pledge to CHEFA, in order to secure the financings, for the purposes and in accordance with the provisions of the CHEFA Act and Public Act No. 95-270, of all or any part of CSU’s right, title and interest in and to any revenues of the University Fee, any revenues of Student Parking Fees and Housing Fees at Southern Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State University and Central Connecticut State University as are necessary to secure the bonds, and certain other charges of CSU presently owned or hereafter acquired.

Section 5. That the Board hereby approves, as further security for the financing of the capital program, that CHEFA’s revenue bonds are secured by a State Special Capital Reserve Fund (SCRF) as provided for in the CHEFA Act and, in particular, Section 10a-186a of the General Statutes, as amended, including Public Act No. 95-270, to be funded with proceeds of CHEFA’s revenue bonds.

Section 6. That the Board hereby authorizes the Chancellor, and in his absence, the Chief Financial Officer of CSU, for and in the name of and on behalf of CSU, to execute one or more loan agreements and notes in as many counterparts as may be necessary, said loan agreements and notes to be in such form as such officer shall approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution.

Section 7. That the Chancellor, and in his absence, the Chief Financial Officer of CSU, are further authorized for and in the name of and on behalf of CSU, to execute and deliver, in the manner provided in Section 6 of this resolution, any and all other financing documents and written agreements, contracts, evidences of indebtedness, certifications and other instruments to which CSU
may be or become a party or which may be required to be executed and
delivered in the name of and on behalf of CSU, including but not limited to the
establishment of one or more accounts dedicated to make the payments
required to be made to CHEFA or to secure CHEFA’s revenue bonds, and a
pledge of revenues from the University Fee, and all or part of revenues from
Student Parking Fees and Housing Fees at Southern Connecticut State
University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State
University and Central Connecticut State University as are necessary to secure
the bonds, and certain other charges of CSU, as shall be determined by the
Chancellor, and in his absence, the Chief Financial Officer of CSU, all such
agreements, contracts and other instruments to be in such form as such officers
may approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution.

Section 8. That the Board hereby authorizes the Chancellor, and in his absence,
the Chief Financial Officer of CSU, to approve, for and in the name of and on
behalf of CSU, the use in Official Statements of CHEFA of information with
respect to CSU, and to execute and deliver to CHEFA letters for use in Official
Statements of CHEFA, such letters to be in such form as such officer may
approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution.

Section 9. That the Chancellor, and in his absence the Chief Financial Officer of
CSU, is further hereby authorized, for and in the name of and on behalf of
CSU, to approve or to execute, as appropriate, any or all instruments in
connection with CHEFA’s revenue bonds to be issued for the purposes herein
approved; and any Trust Indenture between CHEFA and the Trustee to be
selected by CHEFA, and any other agreement, instrument or document
necessary or useful to consummate the financings of the capital program
through CHEFA; and to cooperate with CHEFA in the issuance and sale of
CHEFA’s revenue bonds.

Section 10. It is the intention of the Board by this resolution to authorize the
officers of CSU hereinabove named without further action by the Board, to
approve all of the terms of CHEFA’s revenue bonds, the terms of the loans
from CHEFA, including the dates, amounts, interest rates, interest periods,
maturities and financial and other covenants.

Section 11. The officers of CSU are, and each of them hereby is, authorized and
directed to perform and take such other actions as may be desirable, necessary,
proper or convenient to accomplish the intent and purposes expressed herein,
and the performance thereof by such officer shall be conclusive as to the
approval by such officer of the terms thereof.

Section 12. CSU hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax
Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary
advances of available funds and that CSU reasonably expects to reimburse any
such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal
amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for
financing the capital program; and no funds from sources other than the
reimbursement bond issue are or are reasonably expected to be reserved,
allocated on a long term basis, or otherwise set aside by CSU pursuant to
CSU’s budget or financial policies to pay the bond-financed portion of the
capital program, except as set forth in Exhibit A; and be it further.

RESOLVED, That the resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

(NOTE: See Appendix A for referenced exhibit)

Authorization to Borrow from the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities
Authority at any Time for the Purpose of Refunding All or a Portion of any CHEFA Revenue
Bonds: The last time CSU refunded selected bond maturities (Series F), the authorizing
resolution allowed CSU to pursue, at any time, refunding opportunities which met the
following criteria: a net savings of at least 3% of the refunded par amount must be
realized, and the aggregate net savings must not be less than $250,000 on a present-value
basis. A refunding opportunity has again presented itself within the Series G bond
issue; however, bond counsel felt that the language of the previous resolution was not
sufficiently broad to recognize any and all opportunities for refunding. The proposed
resolution incorporates very broad language and states that, at any time a refunding
opportunity meeting the established criteria presents itself, CSU may pursue the
opportunity, without further action by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Krapek moved approval of the resolution; Mr. Pugliese seconded the motion
and it was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System (CSU) has
requested, and may request in the future, the State of Connecticut Health and
Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA) to issue its revenue bonds pursuant
to the provisions of the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities
Authority Act, being Chapter 187 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as
amended, including Public Act No. 95-270 (the CHEFA Act) to (i) accomplish
the refunding by CHEFA of certain of its now outstanding or hereinafter
outstanding revenue bonds which were or may be issued on behalf of CSU; (ii)
to fund the Special Capital Reserve Fund in an amount equal to the Required
Minimum Capital Reserve Requirement; and (iii) to fund the issuance costs;
and

WHEREAS, CHEFA will submit to CSU for approval and execution in the name of and on
behalf of CSU, various agreements, contracts, and other instruments, which
may include, without limitation, loan agreements, pursuant to which CSU will
be obligated to make payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and
interest on CHEFA’s refunding bonds, and will secure its repayment
obligations by pledge of revenues of the University Fee, and all or part of
revenues from Student Parking Fees and Housing Fees at Southern
Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Western
Connecticut State University and Central Connecticut State University as are
necessary to secure the refunding bonds, and certain other charges of CSU; tax
compliance agreements pertaining to certain representations and agreements
of CSU to preserve the tax exemption on CHEFA’s refunding bonds;
representation and indemnity agreements, pursuant to which CSU will make
various representations and indemnifications in connection with the sale and
issuance of CHEFA’s refunding bonds; continuing disclosure agreements,
pursuant to which CSU will agree to provide financial statements and other
operating data to the secondary bond market; environmental indemnity
agreements, pursuant to which CSU will make various representations and
indemnifications concerning environmental and related matters; official
statements pursuant to which CHEFA’s refunding bonds will be sold, and
other documents and agreements requested by CHEFA which are necessary or
appropriate to effectuate the refinancings; and CSU will issue its notes to
secure its obligations under the loan agreements; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System is
requesting assistance from CHEFA in connection with the refundings; now
therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System
approves the following provisions for authorization of CSU to borrow from
CHEFA from time to time as described below, provided that the net savings of
any refunding issue shall be at least 3.00% of the par amount of the refunded
bonds and the aggregate net savings shall not be less than $250,000 on a
present value basis:

Section 1. That the action of the officers of CSU, in submitting a request to
CHEFA in the name of and on behalf of CSU in connection with refunding
certain portions of CHEFA’s revenue bonds, be and the same is hereby ratified
and approved and any future similar request of officers of CSU is hereby
authorized.

Section 2. That CSU borrow a sum not to exceed the amount necessary from
CHEFA to be used for the purpose of refunding from time to time certain
portions of CHEFA’s revenue bonds, funding of a Special Capital Reserve
Fund and paying costs of the refinancing.

Section 3. That the Board hereby approves the pledge to CHEFA, in order to
secure the refinancing, for the purposes and in accordance with the provisions
of the CHEFA Act and Public Act No. 95-270, of all or any part of CSU’s right,
title and interest in and to any revenues of the University Fee, any revenues of
Student Parking Fees and Housing Fees at Southern Connecticut State
University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State
University and Central Connecticut State University as are necessary to secure
the refunding bonds, and certain other charges of CSU presently owned or
hereafter acquired.

Section 4. That the Board hereby approves, as further security for the
refinancing, that CHEFA’s refunding bonds are secured by a State Special
Capital Reserve Fund (SCRF) as provided for in the CHEFA Act and, in
particular, Section 10a-186a of the General Statutes, as amended, including
Public Act No. 95-270, to be funded with proceeds of CHEFA’s refunding bonds or transferred funds in the SCRF for the refunded bonds.

Section 5. That the Board hereby authorizes the Chancellor, and in his absence, the Chief Financial Officer of CSU, for and in the name of and on behalf of CSU, to execute one or more loan agreements and notes in as many counterparts as may be necessary, said loan agreements and notes to be in such form as such officer shall approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution.

Section 6. That the Chancellor, and in his absence, the Chief Financial Officer of CSU, are further authorized for and in the name of and on behalf of CSU, to execute and deliver, in the manner provided in Section 5 of this resolution, any and all other financing documents and written agreements, contracts, evidences of indebtedness, certifications and other instruments to which CSU may be or become a party or which may be required to be executed and delivered in the name of and on behalf of CSU, including but not limited to the establishment of one or more accounts dedicated to make the payments required to be made to CHEFA or to secure CHEFA’s refunding bonds, and a pledge of revenues from the University Fee, and all or part of revenues from Student Parking Fees and Housing Fees at Southern Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State University and Central Connecticut State University as are necessary to secure the refunding bonds, as shall be determined by the Chancellor, and in his absence, the Chief Financial Officer of CSU, and certain other charges of CSU, all such agreements, contracts and other instruments to be in such form as such officers may approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution.

Section 7. That the Board hereby authorizes the Chancellor, and in his absence, the Chief Financial Officer of CSU, to approve, for and in the name of and on behalf of CSU, the use in Official Statements of CHEFA of information with respect to CSU, and to execute and deliver to CHEFA letters for use in Official Statements of CHEFA, such letters to be in such form as such officer may approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such execution.

Section 8. That the Chancellor, and in his absence the Chief Financial Officer of CSU, is further hereby authorized, for and in the name of and on behalf of CSU, to approve or to execute, as appropriate, any or all instruments in connection with CHEFA’s refunding bonds to be issued for the purposes herein approved; and any Trust Indenture between CHEFA and the Trustee to be selected by CHEFA; and any Escrow Agreement between CHEFA and the Trustee; and any other agreement, instrument or document necessary or useful to consummate the refinancing through CHEFA and the investment and escrow of the proceeds of the refunding Bonds; and to cooperate with CHEFA in the issuance and sale of CHEFA’s refunding bonds and the investment and escrow of the proceeds of the refunding bonds.

Section 9. It is the intention of the Board by this resolution to authorize the officers of CSU hereinabove named without further action by the Board, to approve all of the terms of CHEFA’s refunding bonds, the terms of the loan
from CHEFA, including the date, amount, interest rates, interest periods, maturities and financial and other covenants.

Section 10. The officers of CSU are, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to perform and take such other actions as may be desirable, necessary, proper or convenient to accomplish the intent and purposes expressed herein, and the performance thereof by such officer shall be conclusive as to the approval by such officer of the terms thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until either amended or rescinded.

Use of Plant Funds by Central Connecticut State University to Pay for Already Constructed Landscape Improvements: This request stems from the development of a new Energy Center and underground tunnel project begun back in 1998 through the Department of Public Works. The original project scope for the landscape portion of the project included new pathways and lighting. However, given the importance of the site and its proximity to the Student Center and Memorial Hall, the university directed its contractor to develop a central plaza with seating, plantings, sculpture and a pond. DPW agreed to include the landscape plaza as part of the project, with the understanding that should a shortfall occur in project funding, the university would reimburse DPW for costs associated with the plaza. We have since been notified by DPW of a funding shortfall. CCSU is therefore requesting that up to $411,000 in plant funds designated for signage improvements on campus be diverted to reimburse DPW for the already constructed landscape plaza between Memorial Hall and the Student Center.

Mr. Krapek moved approval of the resolution; Mr. Balducci seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, A new Energy Center and underground tunnel system have recently been completed at Central Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, At the request of the university, a new campus landscape plaza was constructed between Memorial Hall and the Student Center as part of the project, and

WHEREAS, The new central plaza includes seating, plantings, sculpture and a pond, and

WHEREAS, The university agreed that if the Energy Center and tunnel system project budget presented a shortfall, the university would fund the landscape plaza development from agency resources, and
WHEREAS,  The budget for the Energy Center/Tunnels project has been exhausted, therefore be it

RESOLVED,  That Central Connecticut State University is authorized to use up to $411,000 in plant funds to reimburse the Department of Public Works to pay for the already constructed landscape plaza at the juncture of the Student Center and Memorial Hall.

Use of Plant Funds by Central Connecticut State University to Renovate Elihu Burritt Library to Reorganize Library Operations: CCSU’s 1999 master plan recognized the ineffectiveness of the Elihu Burritt Library’s physical organization and recommended that the main entrance of the facility, currently located on the second floor and accessed by an exterior staircase, be relocated to ground level for ease of access. The university further proposes to relocate the main circulation desk and office support, also on the second floor, to the lower level to respond to the master plan recommendations and to clarify the internal organization of the library. They would also like to improve ADA access, as well as construct student lounge space, Internet access and computer support spaces. To accomplish this, the university has designated $1,000,000 in plant funds specifically for this purpose. The funds will cover design fees, demolition and construction costs for the proposed project.

Mr. Krapek moved approval of the resolution; Mr. Balducci seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS,  The Elihu Burritt Library was originally constructed in 1972, and

WHEREAS,  The circulation desk and support staff are located on the second floor of the facility, and

WHEREAS,  The library wishes to relocate the main circulation desk and support staff to the lower ground level to more easily accommodate students and faculty, and

WHEREAS,  This relocation will permit the development of new lounge space for students and internet use and computer support spaces, and

WHEREAS,  This reorganization will improve ADA access to the library, therefore be it

RESOLVED,  That Central Connecticut State University is authorized to use up to $1,000,000 in plant funds to renovate Burritt Library to reorganize library operations.
A Utility Easement at The Midtown Campus of Western Connecticut State University to the City Of Danbury: The Department of Public Works is currently constructing a new Science Building at the Midtown Campus of Western Connecticut State University. During the construction phase of the project, negotiations between the City of Danbury and the construction firm resulted in the placement of a new fire hydrant along Dr. James Roach Avenue to serve the building. However, the new hydrant was not located within the existing water and sewer easement held by the City of Danbury. In order for the City of Danbury to maintain the new fire hydrant, it is necessary for the Board of Trustees to authorize the Department of Public Works to convey an easement to them.

Mr. Krapek moved approval of the resolution; Mr. Balducci seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works is currently in the process of constructing a new Science Building at the Midtown Campus of Western Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, A new fire hydrant must be installed to meet the needs of the Science Building and other adjacent buildings of the university campus, and

WHEREAS, The general contractor, the Fusco Corporation, through the construction of the new science building will install the new fire hydrant, and

WHEREAS, The City of Danbury will operate and maintain the new hydrant, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approve an easement to the City of Danbury for the operation and maintenance of a new fire hydrant at the Midtown Campus of Western Connecticut State University.

A Lease Between the Charles Ives Center and Western Connecticut State University: The Charles Ives Center for the Arts has been located on the Westside Campus of Western Connecticut State University since 1984. Over the past twenty years, a lease had been in place between Western and the Ives Center to allow the organization to lease forty acres of land. In 2004, the university and the Ives Center terminated this lease arrangement. Because the Ives Center and the university are still interested in conducting arts programs at the site, Western has agreed to enter into a new lease. This lease commenced on January 1, 2005 and terminates on December 31, 2005. It allows for
a one-year extension and a rental fee of $1.00 per annum. The lease provides the university the opportunity to approve any alterations or improvements made to the site and permits the university to develop a Master Plan for the Westside Campus which may incorporate part or all of the property leased by the Ives Center.

Mr. Krapek moved approval of the resolution; Mr. Pugliese seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, Section 4b-38 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that the Board of Trustees may lease land or buildings, and facilities under their control and supervision, and

WHEREAS, The Charles Ives Center for the Arts, Inc., has leased approximately forty acres of land on the Westside Campus of Western Connecticut State University since 1984, and

WHEREAS, The Charles Ives Center for the Arts, Inc. has contributed to the cultural environment of the Greater Danbury area, and

WHEREAS, The lease between the university and the Ives Center was terminated in December 2004, and

WHEREAS, The university has entered into a one year lease with a one year extension option, and

WHEREAS, The new lease commenced on January 1, 2005 and ends on December 31, 2005, and

WHEREAS, The University desires to continue to maintain a relationship with the Charles Ives Center for the Arts, Inc. and Western Connecticut State University.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University retroactively approve a lease between the Charles Ives Center for the Arts, Inc. and Western Connecticut State University.

Mr. Krapek explained that the committee also approved the use of plant funds to finance the replacement of Kaiser Hall’s gymnasium floor and bleacher system at CCSU. This item was subsequently approved at Executive Committee on behalf of the Board and would be presented by Chairman McHugh for ratification in his report. He provided the following information on this action.

In January of 2005, this Board approved the use of up to $530,000 to finance the design of a new roof, and design and construction of a new floor and bleacher system for Kaiser Gymnasium. Based on bids received in February 2005, the university proposed to finance the balance of the project with approximately $650,000 of general
obligation bond funds and $426,000 in plant funds. Unfortunately, the February State Bond Commission meeting was cancelled, and the project was not included on the agenda of the March State Bond Commission. The April State Bond Commission meeting was cancelled as well. Due to the fact that CCSU has made scheduling adjustments to accommodate the project, the gym floor is beyond repair, and the cost is certain to increase over the course of the next year if the project is delayed, CCSU would like to move forward with the project.

Mr. Krapek went on to explain that the university had already spent $130,000 on design of a new roof, new floor, and bleacher system and that roughly $614,000 was needed to complete the project. Therefore, the university requests permission to expend up to $1,143,850 from plant funds, representing an increase of $613,850 from the $530,000 already authorized by the Board of Trustees in January. The bond funds that were originally to be used for this project will be redirected to other high priority capital projects, as necessary.

Mr. Krapek informed the trustees that the spending plan hearings planned for May 13, 2005 have been postponed until there is a clearer indication of the outcome of the State budget negotiations regarding CSU’s funding. Depending on the progress of the State budget, it is anticipated that the hearings will be rescheduled around the end of June. He indicated that since the new fiscal year will begin prior to approval of the spending plans, the universities and the system office should stay as closely as possible to the plans they would have presented for approval in June.

**Student Life Committee**

Mr. Panciera reported that the Student Life Committee met on April 24, 2005. He was pleased to report that Members of the Student Advisory Board attended the meeting and the committee had the opportunity to discuss a number of important issues with them, including: financial aid, borrowing money to pay for an education, cost of textbooks and other topics. The students were very eloquent and voiced their concern about the need to have sufficient need-based financial aid, the need to offer orientation to students about use of credit cards, and the high cost of textbooks.

Mr. Panciera commented that the committee also discussed part time students and the type of services and support they require. Based on this conversation and other
items discussed at the meeting, a list of topics is being identified which will serve as the basis for the June 15 Student Life Retreat. He explained the retreat will provide an opportunity to review goals related to Student Life and the development of policies to address these goals.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman McHugh reported that the Executive Committee met on April 29, 2005 and approved, on behalf of the Board, the following resolution authorizing Central Connecticut State University to use additional plant funds to finance the replacement of the gymnasium floor and seating in Kaiser Hall. He noted that Vice Chairman Krapek had provided the detail on this action during the Finance and Administration Committee report.

Chairman McHugh requested a motion to ratify the action of the Executive Committee. Mr. Pugliese so moved; Mr. Panciera seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

WHEREAS, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) is in the process of installing a new replacement floor and bleacher system for Kaiser Hall’s gymnasium due to their state of disrepair, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees approved the use of up to $530,000 of CCSU’s plant funds to finance the project (BR#05-5) including $67,500 for design of a new roof, and

WHEREAS, The remaining funds were to be provided by a general obligation bond fund authorization to be allocated by the State Bond Commission, and

WHEREAS, The university received favorable bids on February 17, 2005 for a total project cost of $1,076,350, and

WHEREAS, The State Bond Commission did not meet in February or April 2005 and the project was not included for consideration at the March meeting, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That CCSU is authorized to utilize up to $1,143,850 from their Plant Fund to finance the design of a new gymnasium roof and the design and replacement of Kaiser Hall’s gymnasium floor and bleacher seating.
CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman McHugh commented on some of the recent activities he and other trustees had attended over the past month including the Henry Barnard Distinguished Student Awards Banquet, President Schmotter’s inauguration, and the dinner with faculty from Central.

Chairman McHugh remarked that in response to the need to provide more access and keeping students in Connecticut, there are 2500 more full-time students at the universities this year than in academic year 2001. It is more important than ever that CSU be given additional state funding to permit the hiring of additional faculty and support services for these students. He urged the trustees to continue to talk to their legislators about this need so we can continue to offer educational opportunities for the citizens of the state.

Chairman McHugh recognized the student trustee-elect from Western Connecticut State University, Fernando Franco, who will succeed Mr. Tim Doran.

Chairman McHugh congratulated Mrs. Amberg, Secretary to the Board, upon her announced retirement on July 1, 2005, and expressed his appreciation for her many years of outstanding and loyal service to the Board of Trustees.

PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT

President Carter referenced the annual report publication and other information provided to each trustee before introducing a video presentation highlighting faculty contributions, student achievements, research and study abroad opportunities, athletic achievements and community outreach activities over the past year.

President Carter expressed particular pride in Eastern’s acceptance into the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) last year, becoming only one of 20 other COPLAC institutions in the United States. In addition, he was pleased to report that Eastern has received full accreditation of its teacher preparation programs by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), noting the initial certification programs are the first among higher education institutions in Connecticut to receive full accreditation on the first attempt.

President Carter concluded his remarks by saying that so many great things happen at Eastern because of the people and each year the excitement of the institution
comes forth through faculty and staff. What makes Eastern special is its students, faculty, staff and support staff.

Chairman McHugh thanked President Carter for his exceptional leadership and remarked that one only has to look around to see how outstanding he has been.

ADJOURNMENT

Fr. Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.; Mr. Panciera seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Eberhard-Asch, Secretary