TO: MEMBERS, CSUS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: November 7, 2008

SUBJECT: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008

The Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System will meet on Thursday, November 13, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain. The meeting will be held in Alumni Hall of the Student Center; the meeting schedule is noted below.

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The Agenda Summary for the meeting is enclosed. If you haven’t already done so, kindly contact Erin Fitzgerald, Associate for Board Affairs, at 860 493-0013, fitzgeralde@ct.edu, to confirm your attendance.

Sincerely,

David G. Carter, Sr.
Chancellor

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cc: University Presidents
    David Walsh, President, CSU-AAUP
    James LoMonaco, President, SUOAF-AFSCME
    System Office Senior Staff
AGENDA SUMMARY

10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 13, 2008
Alumni Hall, Student Center
Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman
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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
   a) October 8, 2008 Meeting
5. Report of Chancellor and Presidents
   *University Presidents to report on Enrollment*
6. Chancellor’s Consent Items
   a) Authority to Request Approval from the Department of Public Works
      for any Acquisition or Purchase of Equipment, Furniture or Personal Property using CSUS 2020 Funds - CSUS
   b) Use of Designated Fund Balances to Finance Public Safety Complex - CCSU
7. Development Committee
8. Student Life Committee
9. Academic Affairs Committee
   a) Bachelor of Arts in Journalism – CCSU
10. Finance and Administration Committee
11. Executive Committee
12. Report of the Chairman
13. Report of Representatives to Other Bodies
14. New Business
15. Adjournment
ITEM

Authority to Request Approval from the Department of Public Works for any Acquisition or Purchase of Equipment, Furniture or Personal Property using CSUS 2020 Funds

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 1502, “An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements and for Transportation Infrastructure Improvements and Concerning the Connecticut State University Infrastructure Act”, signed by Governor Rell on November 2, 2007, and enacted under Public Act 07-7 of the June Special Session (codified as Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Sec. 10a-91a through h), established the capital budget for the FY 2008 and FY 2009 biennium, as well as CSUS 2020 which authorizes up to $950 million in general obligation bonds over ten years (FY 2009 through FY 2018) for Connecticut State University System capital improvement projects. The Executive Committee approved the long-range facilities plan established for the CSUS 2020 program on behalf of the Board of Trustees at its February 28, 2008 meeting, and the BOT ratified the Committee’s action at its March 10, 2008 meeting. The Governor approved the allocation of the first year’s funding of $95 million as of April 1, 2008, and the State Bond Commission approved the CSUS 2020 program at its August 4, 2008 meeting. CSUS is now in receipt of the first year funding, and is in the process of initiating projects.

ANALYSIS

CGS Sec. 10a-91d(f) requires that the Board of Trustees (“the Board”) request, in writing, approval from the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) for any acquisition or purchase of equipment, furniture or personal property using CSUS 2020 funds. This statutory language encompasses both equipment, furniture and personal property acquisitions related to specific construction projects contained within CSUS 2020, as well as those taking place under the auspices of the CSUS New and Replacement Equipment program, which are not related to specific construction projects. The CSUS 2020 funds designated for this program are primarily used by each university to acquire, upgrade, or replace, sometimes on very short notice, essential capital equipment items to support instructional (i.e., classroom computers, projectors, and sophisticated scientific equipment such as microscopes and autoclaves), maintenance (i.e. snowplows and heavy-duty lawn mowers), health and safety (i.e. security cameras), and administrative (i.e. computer servers, which support the computing needs of the entire campus, academic as well as administrative) needs of the university. The funds also are available to meet System Office furniture and equipment upgrade requirements.

Requests to DPW for approval of the purchase and acquisition of equipment, furniture, and personal property by their nature may be numerous and at times time sensitive. Furthermore, the role of the Board is not to oversee the day-to-day activities of the System, but rather, as per CGS 10a-89(a), to “(m)ake rules for the government of the
Connecticut State University system and … determine the general policies of the university system”, as well as to “… determine the … duties, terms and conditions of employment of the chancellor …”

Consistent with the Board’s role, the Board has vested in the Chancellor, through the establishment and approval of a position description, the responsibility to “represent the Board and CSU System before external agencies of state government…” act as “the Board’s Chief Agent for the development of system budgets [and] master planning activit[ies],” and work “on such other activities as the Board shall require from time to time”, and generally to oversee the day-to-day activities of the Connecticut State University System on behalf of the Board.

The purpose of this resolution is to specifically delegate to the Chancellor the authority to request approval from the Department of Public Works on its behalf for any acquisition or purchase of equipment, furniture or personal property using CSUS 2020 funds, as required under CGS Sec. 10a-91d(f).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System delegate to the Chancellor of the CSUS the authority to request approval from the Department of Public Works on its behalf for any acquisition or purchase of equipment, furniture or personal property using CSUS 2020 funds, as required under CGS Sec. 10a-91d(f).

11/07/08 Executive Committee
11/13/08 Board of Trustees
ITEM

The use of designated fund balances to finance the new Public Safety Complex at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU).

BACKGROUND

CCSU’s new Public Safety Complex is currently in redesign, with completion estimated as of the end of February, 2009, and construction projected to begin in June 2009. Redesign is necessary to bring the project within budget, since the existing design would result in a project cost overrun of $1,435,066. The redesign will reduce square footage without deteriorating the integrity of the initial design developed by the architect and engineers, and will meet the programmatic needs of the building, including all accreditation requirements.

ANALYSIS

While the redesign will practically eliminate the cost overrun, CCSU is requesting the use of designated fund balances in the amount of $500,000 to provide some flexibility for unforeseen cost variances.

Construction of the new public safety facility will meet the long-term departmental needs, allow the department to absorb additional security-related technological enhancements, and underscore the commitment of the university to provide a safe and secure learning and work environment.

BR#08-39 requires that any use of fund balance totaling $250,000 or greater be approved by the Board of Trustees.

CHANCELLOR’S RECOMMENDATION

To approve the utilization of up to $500,000 in designated fund balances to fund the new Public Safety Complex at Central Connecticut State University.
ITEM
Licensure and Accreditation of a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism at Central Connecticut State University.

BACKGROUND
Central Connecticut State University is proposing this program as a natural progression to its thriving minor in journalism. The program is designed to prepare graduates to work in new forms of electronic journalism, to use technology tools and to be attentive to a global orientation in the profession. The program also directly responds to the university’s Task Force on Journalistic Integrity recommendation that consideration be given to adding journalism major to the curriculum.

ANALYSIS
While Journalism is offered as a major in several higher education institutions in the state, SCSU is the only university in the CSUS offering a baccalaureate degree. The target population for this program is a more diverse, globally aware, technologically facile and regionally based pool of students than the other programs in CT. Second language proficiency and computer science applications are among the distinctive features in the program. There is a growing need to fill positions in smaller, local or regional newspapers, serving diverse communities and with an increasing emphasis on electronic formats and broadcast journalism. Strong fundamentals of the profession, new skills in technology tools, the need for information analysis, and the importance of ethical practice underscore the program need.

The proposed program prepares students to produce responsible news and information in traditional and emerging media -- within the guides of ethical decision making, valuing accuracy, fairness and including diverse perspectives. The program has been developed in accordance with the standards of the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (ACEJMC). Graduates will understand the legal aspects of the profession and its historical context, and work ethically in pursuit of truth, accuracy, and fairness while valuing diversity. They will write clearly and correctly, in styles appropriate to the audience and purpose of the article. They will learn to use the technologies appropriate to the communication professions. Using appropriate presentation of images and information, they will learn to gather and analyze information for journalistic purposes, including the use of basic numerical and statistic methods. The program offers options in print or broadcasting tracks. The program requires completion of a minimum of 122 credits including 40 credits in journalism (22 of them in core requirements and 18 in the chosen track) and 44 credits in general education designated by the School of Arts and Sciences. Students must meet a diversity requirement which includes a relevant course in anthropology, sociology or history; a related advanced course; and a 300-level course in Reporting Cultural Diversity. Proficiency in a foreign language is highly recommended. At least 80 credits must be earned in content areas other than journalism.

Faculty teaching in the program will come from existing programs in the English and Communications departments and the university anticipates the need for an additional faculty member in future years, depending on enrollment growth. Upon program approval, the university will formally establish the new Department of Journalism with current faculty.

The Committee is requesting that enrollment report be prepared for the September 2010 meeting specifying actual enrollment versus projections provided in the proposal by the university.
CHANCELLOR’S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the proposal from Central Connecticut State University to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism degree program and require that an enrollment report be presented on September 2010.

10/22/08 Academic Affairs Committee
11/13/08 Board of Trustees