AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

concerning

FORMATION OF FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE GIFTS, GRANTS, AND BEQUESTS

July 17, 1970

The Board of Trustees for State Colleges authorized the colleges to proceed with plans for the formation of foundations at each college to receive gifts, grants, and bequests and to dispense funds and property so received for enlarging the educational, cultural, and research facilities and activities of the colleges.

Remarks:

Intent is to enable the colleges to form a foundation similar to that existing at the University of Connecticut and other colleges and universities.
Present: Presidents Haas, James, Jennings, Webb; and, Dr. Frost.

1. In view of the increasing number of legal questions being raised at the State Colleges and the Central Office, it was agreed that it was a matter of high priority to have access to legal counsel whose basic assignment would be to meet the needs of the State Colleges and the Central Office. Accordingly, Dr. Frost was requested to explore avenues for having legal counsel assigned to, or hired by, the State College system.

2. The presidents reviewed the document, "FOUR STATE COLLEGES--1974-75 BUDGET PROPOSAL (Excludes Central Office), May 24, 1973 (Revised)," and recommended its adoption by the Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees.

3. There was considerable discussion of the need to improve the salary schedules of unclassified employees, particularly the upper two professorial ranks and 12-month personnel. This discussion included consideration of a document dated May 24, 1973, "State Colleges, Cost of Salary Increases for Unclassified Personnel (Effective 74-75 Fiscal Year." This document provided various formulas and the cost of each formula, which cost, if any formula is to be adopted, must be included in the 1974-75 budget proposal. The presidents requested that Dr. Frost explore with appropriate persons the possibility of obtaining salary increases.

4. In reporting to the 1972 and 1973 General Assemblies, the State Auditors have raised questions concerning the relationship of the State to the various State College foundations; in so doing they have pointed to the Trustees' authorizing resolution of July 17, 1970, and have recommended that annual audits of the foundations be sent to the Central Office for review. As a first step in responding to this recommendation, the presidents agreed to consider this matter with the attorneys of the respective foundations.

5. The presidents reviewed the May 18, 1973, draft of a resolution concerning the staff of the Connecticut Review, and recommended its adoption by the Board of Trustees. Since the full-time secretary to the editor has been one of the secretaries assigned to SCSC, President Jennings asked that the Board authorize a new secretarial position at Southern.

6. President James indicated that he was in the process of preparing an affirmative action statement regarding the employment of minority personnel and women at Central; he agreed to share this statement with the other presidents who might then develop similar statements for their colleges.