Inasmuch as the growth of the Community Colleges in the State of Connecticut has provided Associate Degree programs for students desiring them, and

Inasmuch as several of the Community Colleges in the Central Connecticut region are now providing Associate Degree programs in business, and

Inasmuch as the primary mission of the State Colleges by policy is to provide academic programs at the baccalaureate and graduate levels,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Associate of Science degree programs in secretarial science, accounting and marketing at Central Connecticut State College be phased out, beginning September 1, 1972. Students presently enrolled in one of these programs will be allowed to complete their degree program, but no new students will be admitted.
April 10, 1972

Honorable Thomas J. Meskill
Governor of Connecticut
State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Governor Meskill:

It is my pleasure, from time to time, to report activities in higher education to you when those activities are of particular interest and import.

Since its inception, the Commission for Higher Education has encouraged coordination of planning and cooperation among institutions. We believe that a benefit of the state's investment is the extent to which these activities occur.

At the Commission meeting held on April 4, two examples were reported which I believe are significant in this regard. Both involve the Board of Trustees for State Colleges. Stated briefly, they are:

1. The phasing out of the Associate of Science degree programs in secretarial science, accounting and marketing at Central Connecticut State College, with the notation that the programs were no longer necessary in light of the development of the state's system of regional community colleges.

The Board of Trustees for Regional Community Colleges has participated in the discussions leading up to the decision and has indicated the ability of its system to provide the programs in question.

2. The development of a cooperative program between Central Connecticut State College and the state's technical colleges which will permit (a) the graduates of the technical colleges to enroll as juniors in the Division of Technology at Central
Connecticut State College without loss of credit, and (b) students at the technical colleges to enroll in courses offered at Central Connecticut, and vice versa, without additional fees charged.

These activities reflect, in my opinion, a keen awareness of the need to avoid duplication and to improve opportunity for students wherever possible. The Commission has publicly commended representatives of the Boards involved and will continue to encourage activity of this type.

Sincerely,

Donald H. McGannon, Chairman
Commission for Higher Education
Dear Don:

Thank you for your recent note outlining recent activities of the Commission for Higher Education designed to encourage coordination of planning and cooperation among institutions.

This type of effort is especially necessary. It would appear that legislation mandating such efforts will not be passed this year. However, I assure you that this matter is very much on the minds of all legislators at this time. I am also certain that the Education Committee will be holding more interim hearings on this subject. I urge you to continue this effort.

Sincerely,

Bill Ratchford
William R. Ratchford
Speaker of the House
April 12, 1972

Mr. Donald H. McGannon
Chairman, Commission for Higher Education
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Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter of April 10, 1972 concerning activities in higher education.

I certainly appreciate the information that you passed along, and I hope you will continue to keep me posted.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Francis J. Collins
House Minority Leader
April 17, 1972

Mrs. Bernice Niejadlik
Alexander Lake
Danielson, Connecticut 06239

Dear Mrs. Niejadlik:

I want to commend the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges for the recent action taken to make significant changes in student transferability.

The Education Committee has been very concerned with this problem, and we are very pleased that you have taken the necessary steps to make such transferability between colleges easier for the student. The Committee believes that coordination between our public institutions is essential and that this is an important step in that direction. We hope that this is only the first step.

I have also been informed by the Commission for Higher Education that Central Connecticut is phasing out its Associate of Science Degree in secretarial science. This action should also lead towards greater cooperation between institutions.

I am certain that efforts to increase student opportunity and to avoid duplication of programs will strengthen the public system of higher education in this State.

Very truly yours,

Howard M. Klebanoff
House Chairman
Education Committee

cc
Dr. F. Don James
Dr. Charles R. Webb
Dr. Manson Van Jennings
Dr. Ruth A. Haas
Mr. Donald H. McGannon