RESOLUTION

concerning

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

AT

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

July 19, 1974

RESOLVED, That the authority granted the Board of Trustees in Chapter 164, Section 109 of the General Statutes, Western Connecticut State College is hereby authorized to offer a program leading to a Master of Business Administration effective September, 1974, or as soon thereafter as is feasible.

A Certified True Copy:

James A. Frost
Executive Secretary
G. Business Administration Program - Western Connecticut State College

Dr. Smith reported the sequence of events concerning the proposal for this program. Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Robinson seconded, and it was passed that the program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration be approved to start at Western Connecticut State College in the fall semester 1969.
April 20, 1982

Dr. Norma Foreman Glasgow
Commissioner of Higher Education
Board of Higher Education
61 Woodland Street
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear Norma:

I have received your letter of April 16, 1982, confirming our earlier conversation regarding inclusion of an undergraduate major in Accounting on Western's program inventory.

Needless to say we are very pleased by your decision. We concur completely that General Business Administration and Accounting should be the only undergraduate business majors on Western's inventory. If in the future other majors are developed, they will be submitted to the Board of Higher Education or its successor for review and evaluation. No such additional majors are contemplated at this time.

Thank you very much for your help and your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

James A. Frost
Executive Director

cc: President Feldman
Dr. James A. Frost  
Board of Trustees for State Colleges  
P.O. Box 2008  
New Britain, CT 06050  

Dear Jim:

This is a response to your letter of March 26 regarding the concentration in accounting which is a part of a bachelor's degree program in business administration at Western Connecticut State College. You have asked for clarification of the status of that program, believing that it should have a separate identity on the Board's program inventory and report of degrees conferred.

Several facts in our records lead us to believe that an accounting option or major was approved as part of the original BBA program. The proposal reviewed by the Ad Hoc Program Committee of CHE clearly identified two options (general business administration and accounting). Since the approval procedure was somewhat more liberal at that time, it may be concluded that the accounting option was approved, although implemented rather belatedly.

The same report states, however, that except for accounting, there will be no attempt made to develop other specialties. Dr. Braun, in her letter of February 16, states that "the concentrations in other sub-fields continue to be four courses (12 s.h.)." Therefore, while I intend to include the accounting major in our updated program inventory, no other majors should be developed prior to submission to the Board for review and evaluation.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

Norma Foreman Glasgow
Commissioner

cc President Stephen Feldman

61 WOODLAND STREET HARTFORD, CT 06105
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
March 26, 1982

Dr. Norma Foreman Glasgow
Commissioner of Higher Education
61 Woodland Street
Hartford, CT 06105

Dear Norma:

It is my understanding that you will shortly be considering program inventories for all the public institutions. The inventories have been updated to conform to the new HEGIS classification system. Your staff and ours have worked together very effectively in reviewing the inventories and I am told that our people are pleased with the process as it has been conducted to this point. They have been given adequate opportunities to offer input, and this has produced good will and a feeling of understanding. We are most appreciative of this.

This healthy exercise has brought to light one situation which I wish to share with you and ask your help in resolving.

Western Connecticut State College received authorization more than a decade ago from the Commission for Higher Education to offer a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. At that time, the program authorization process was less precise and specific than it is today. The campus felt that its authorization included those fields which were components of Business Administration, such as Accounting, Marketing, Finance, etc.

In the intervening years as more and more students wished to prepare for CPA exams, the campus expanded its specialization in Accounting within the Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Today we feel it is necessary to have a separate "major" in Accounting in order to provide students with the preparation they need for the CPA exam. The degree would continue to be the B.B.A., Bachelor of Business Administration.

This, therefore, is the question we bring to you. Can Western be permitted to have an undergraduate program in accounting on its program inventory in addition to the listing for general business administration?
Western has recently received authorization for a separate program in Accounting at the Master's level. Thus I do not believe that there is a question about the campus' ability to offer a quality program at the bachelor's level.

Would it be possible merely to include accounting on the inventory of undergraduate programs in light of the authorization at the Master's level and in light of the long standing authorization for undergraduate business administration including several specializations? We would not ask for any of the other undergraduate specializations to be given separate recognition on the inventory.

We will appreciate whatever you can do to help us in this matter.

Sincerely,

James A. Frost
Executive Director

cc: President Feldman