RESOLUTION

Concerning

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE
IN
PSYCHOLOGY
AT
WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

July 16, 1976

RESOLVED, Under the authority granted the Board of Trustees in Chapter 164, Section 109 and 10-326 of the General Statutes, Western Connecticut State College is hereby authorized to implement and seek licensure for a program leading to a Master of Arts degree in Psychology effective September 1976, or as soon thereafter as is feasible, subject to licensure approval by the Commission for Higher Education.

A Certified True Copy:

James A. Frost
Executive Director
Dr. Clinton M. Ritchie
Board of Trustees for State Colleges
P. O. Box 2008
New Britain, Connecticut 06050

Dear Dr. Ritchie:

In Dr. Bersi's absence, I am sending you the information concerning the status of the M.A. program in Psychology which you requested in order to make the decision that it might be forwarded to the C.H.E. for licensure action.

In Spring 1970, Western took before the then Standing Committee on the Coordination of Planning of the C.H.E. proposals for three teacher certification programs: Health Education, Guidance and Counselling and Psychological Examiner. A part of the last program included a master's degree in Psychology. In the months that followed, the State Department of Education Review Committee recommended changes in all programs and we began work on revisions.

In 1972, we again took the Health Education program to the State Department of Education for review and were questioned as to planning approval by Dr. William James. He ascertained that our planning approval was valid and licensure was granted.

In the past years, as certification requirements have been changed, we have continued working with the State Department of Education on the School Psychologist and Counselling programs and also proceeded on the Psychology program separate from certification standards. The preparation for an early fall visiting team, organized by the State Department of Education on the two certification programs, is now going forward with Dr. Abeles.

When I talked to Dr. James about approval of a visiting team for the M.A. in Psychology, he asked about planning approval and I recalled for him the sequence of events since 1970 noted above. He indicated that, since the Health Education planning approval was honored, he assumed that the others would also be. The Standing Committee on Licensure then approved the team which
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has submitted the report now before the Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees.

We believe we are in order in going directly to the licensure phase of approval with the Psychology program and, in the Fall, with the School Psychologist and Counsellor programs.

I hope this clarifies matters and provides you with the needed information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Gentlruge Braun  
Dean of Academic Affairs

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cc: Dr. Bersi  
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