RESOLUTION

concerning

THE STATE COLLEGES 1977-78 BUDGET REQUEST

March 4, 1977

WHEREAS, The Trustees request for a net increase in the 1977-78 General Fund Operating Budget of 6.7% over the appropriation for 1976-77, and whereas the inflation factor for colleges and universities during the year 1976 was between 6% and 7%, and

WHEREAS, The State Budget Division has made certain adjustments which are reasonable and proper, namely the reduction of funds for the operation of a maintenance building at Central Connecticut State Colleges which will not be in use during the fiscal year 1977-78, the removal of money for anniversary increases to a special fund to be used for future salary adjustments, the provision of money for the upgrading for certain positions in the classified service, the provision of money for the development of a special data processing system at Central Connecticut State College, and the provision of added money for tuition refunds, and

WHEREAS, The Governor's Budget Recommendation eliminates the funds requested for the improvement of programs for the educationally disadvantaged, eliminated 46 instructional positions which are needed to expand programs having high student demand, reduces the funds for equipment and library books to a level which imperils the quality of instructional programs, reduces the funds available for student employment below the level the Trustees deem necessary to provide needed financial support for students and to carry out work programs of vital importance to the Colleges, and reduces the funds available for matching Federal grants, therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Trustees understand and support the reasonable adjustments reflected in the Governor's 1977-78 Budget; however, they are gravely concerned over the reductions which prevent the development of more effective programs for the educationally disadvantaged, the elimination of instructional positions needed to support programs with high student demand, the reduction of funds for equipment and library books which lessens the effectiveness of instruction, the reduction of State funds for matching Federal grants, and the reduction of funds available for student employment, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Trustees and the Executive Staff shall work with members of the General Assembly and the Governor's staff to seek an appropriation in tune with the Board's original request, but accepting the reasonable adjustments recommended by the State Budget Division.

A Certified True Copy

James A. Frost
Executive Secretary