RESOLUTION

concerning

WAIVER OF TUITION AND STIPENDS FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

July 15, 1977

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WHEREAS, Graduate assistantships also provide graduate students with an opportunity for financial assistance in order to allow successfully the completion of graduate requirements, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That effective with the fall semester of 1977, tuition may be waived for a graduate assistant enrolled in the Educational Extension Fund to a maximum of nine semester hours per semester dependent upon assignment by and approval of the appropriate Dean of the College, and further, be it

RESOLVED, That a graduate assistant may be paid a stipend not to exceed a rate of $225 for the equivalent of one semester credit hour of work as determined by and approved by the appropriate Dean of the College, and the workload shall not exceed the equivalent of eight (8) semester hours of credit per semester, and further, be it

RESOLVED, That any graduate assistant employed during the 1976-77 academic year as the first year of a two-year commitment may receive the same stipend for the 1977-1978 academic year that was received in 1976-1977.

A Certified True Copy:

James A. Frost
Executive Director
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. James Frost, Executive Director, Board of Trustees for the State Colleges
   Dr. F. Don James, President, Central Connecticut State College
   Dr. Charles Webb, President, Eastern Connecticut State College
   Dr. Manson Van Jennings, President, Southern Connecticut State College
   Dr. Robert Bersi, President, Western Connecticut State College

FROM: H. B. Jestin, Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Academic Planning Committee Meeting of July 5, 1977

The Academic Planning Committee (APC) met on the 5th of July, 1977, and responded to the following items presented for their consideration by the Executive Director and the Council of Presidents:

I. Graduate Assistants

Attached is a revised resolution regarding the waiver of tuition and stipends for graduate assistantships. The APC recommends that the attached resolution be accepted for presentation to the Board of Trustees for implementation. Such resolution should be presented to the Board of Trustees by their July meeting in order to allow implementation of the resolution in the Fall of 1977.

II. Plan C: Masters degree program requiring 36 semester hours credit.

Item 27 of the Council of Presidents' meeting of June 16, 1977, reads, "The Council discussed the validity of requiring six semester hours of work for master degree candidates rather than to require a thesis. The Presidents were inclined to approve such a policy but it was decided to ask the APC for a recommendation." The APC, based upon the action of their previous meeting, recommends the following:

A. Because the APC referred the recommendation for a masters degree requiring 36 semester hours again to the Graduate Council of Deans, the issue was tabled until the Council of Graduate Deans could study it further and provide a definite recommendation to the APC for review and transmittal to the Council of Presidents.

B. The Council of Graduate Deans is to examine Plan C in relation to its impact on quality of degree program, procedures for implementation and the implied effect on the collective bargaining process.
III. Holidays

The issue of Jewish faculty members and students finding a conflict with their High Holy Days was discussed. The APC recommends the following procedure:

1. Faculty: Article 12 of the AAUP Collective Bargaining Contract has to do with Leaves and Fringe Benefits. Section 12.1 Personal/Religious Leave is as follows: "Up to three (3) days of personal leave with pay may be taken within each calendar year. To be eligible for personal leave a member must have been in the employ of the Board of Trustees on a full-time basis for six (6) months. Members who desire such leave are required, except in an emergency, to inform the Department Chairperson in advance. Personal leave of absence days not taken in the calendar year in which they are granted shall not be accumulated. Religious leave in excess of the three (3) personal days may be taken without loss of pay if the Department Chairperson is satisfied that the member's responsibilities will be met." This policy, in effect, responds to leave for religious purposes for faculty.

2. The APC recommends that the faculty and students be notified of the specific dates of religious holidays i.e., Roshhashanah, Yom Kippur. On such dates, faculty members should not schedule exams and students absent on such days will be excused.

3. Announcements of specific religious holidays will be made in appropriate college bulletins at the beginning of the academic year.

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Attachment

cc - Dr. Braun, Vice President, WCSC
     Dr. Dunn, Director of Research, CCSC
     Dr. Erickson, Dean of Graduate Studies, CCSC
     Mr. Kennedy, BOT
     Dr. Meyer, Vice President, ECSC
     Dr. Middlebrooks, Vice President, SCSC
     Dr. Ritchie, BOT
     Dr. Rudner, Chairman of the Council of Graduate Deans, WCSC
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