RESOLUTION

concerning

THE STATUS OF CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN THE PERSIAN GULF CRISIS

December 7, 1990

WHEREAS, The Persian Gulf Crisis has necessitated the activation of National Guard units and Military Reserve units, and

WHEREAS, Some members of these National Guard and Reserve units are currently enrolled as students at the various campuses of the Connecticut State University, and

WHEREAS, These students have been or may be called to active duty prior to completion of an academic semester, and

WHEREAS, The refund policy of the Board of Trustees allows the Presidents to authorize refunding of fees otherwise designated as non-refundable to students withdrawing because of circumstances beyond their control, and

WHEREAS, The Trustees do not wish to have any student called to active duty penalized, either academically or financially, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for Connecticut State University directs the President of each campus to ensure that all possible actions be taken to allow these students opportunities to complete their course work for the semester involved and provide for the refunds of all fees and charges on a prorated basis, where appropriate, except that Tuition and Extension Course Fees will not be refunded where academic credit is awarded.

A Certified True Copy:

[Signature]

Dallas K. Beal
President
To: Chief Executive Officers
Presidents, Connecticut Colleges and Universities

From: Norma Foreman Glasgow
Commissioner

Date: November 28, 1990

Subject: Students on Active Military Duty

With the recent activation of National Guard units in Connecticut, some of our students are faced with difficult situations regarding completion and continuation of their college educations. I am sure that all members of the higher education community are taking steps to assist these students, and I urge you to develop a consistent process and policy within your institutions for dealing with these issues.

Specifically, I hope you will communicate to those students who may be affected by the Persian Gulf crisis regarding their options should they be called up in mid-semester. Colleges and universities will want to help students maintain their academic standing, complete their term work if they desire, and understand their financial obligations if they should withdraw. We all recognize that the options will include a commitment to ensuring the protection of academic standards and quality.

I appreciate your consideration of these issues and am sure you will devise appropriate ways to help these students fulfill their commitment to their studies and to their country.

cc. Colonel David Boland
The Academic Vice Presidents (by conference call this afternoon) recommended some minor editorial changes in the resolution. They recommend:

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This version substitutes the word "urges" for the word "directs". It changes "everything possible is done" to "all possible actions are taken" and deletes the phrase "on a prorated basis" because the campuses have been refunding the whole tuition for students who are merely withdrawing and thereby losing the whole semester.

The Vice Presidents did not have a problem with reference to academic matters. They did not tell me of any problems with any faculty refusing to allow "incompletes" or other academic adjustments.

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