

Connecticut State University System

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RESOLUTION

concerning

THE USE OF DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES TO FUND  
THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX  
AT  
CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

May 3, 2002

WHEREAS, It has been determined that the existing public safety complex at CCSU is inadequate and in need of major renovations to meet police and university standards, and

WHEREAS, Construction of a new facility will meet the long-term needs of the campus Police Department, Fire Marshal, and Health and Safety functions, will allow the department to absorb additional security-related technological enhancements, and will underscore the commitment of CCSU to provide a safe and secure learning and work environment, and

WHEREAS, The campus master plan recommends the construction of a new Admissions facility on the site of the existing public safety complex, and

WHEREAS Design of the new Admissions building is underway; however, construction cannot begin until the public safety functions are relocated to a new facility, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That CCSU is authorized to utilize up to \$2,500,000 from their Plant Fund Reserve to fund the design and construction of their new Public Safety Complex.

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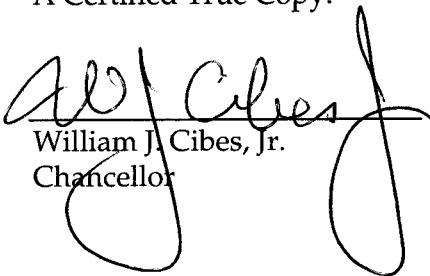
William J. Cibes, Jr.  
Chancellor

RESOLVED, That all funds received by the Institute shall be deposited in the Operating Fund at Central Connecticut State University in accounts established for this Institute. Such funds shall be used for the purposes of this Institute and appropriate University support functions rendered to the Institute, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of Central Connecticut State University is directed to periodically evaluate the functioning of the Connecticut River Valley Institute for Media Education in terms of its effectiveness, and shall no later than September 1, 2007 report the results of the evaluation with a recommendation to the Chancellor of the CSU System who in turn shall share this information with the Board of Trustees, and be it further.

RESOLVED, That the Connecticut River Valley Institute for Media Education shall go out of existence on December 31, 2007, unless action to the contrary is taken by the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System.

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Chancellor

**ITEM**

The use of designated fund balances to fund the new Public Safety Complex at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU).

**BACKGROUND**

Since 1982, CCSU's Public Safety Department has been housed in a wood framed, single-family, split-level, private residence that was constructed circa 1960. Over time, two trailers were purchased and installed adjacent to this facility to meet critical departmental space deficiencies. The existing buildings were never designed to serve as a permanent Public Safety Complex. While the three facilities combined provide approximately 5,000 gross square feet of space, they are insufficient for meeting ongoing departmental needs. The layout does not provide adequate separation between occupants and the various activities housed therein, including student and civilian staff workstations, offices for police staff, space for police officers to interview victims and witnesses, and holding areas for detainees. In addition, the main facility does not have an elevator and does not meet ADA standards for public usage.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International City/County Management Association, and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies agree this existing facility does not meet the university's current needs and does not provide a secure environment for future growth.

**ANALYSIS**

In 1999, Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc., was contracted to complete the Campus Master Plan for CCSU. The consultants determined that the existing public safety facility was inadequate and in need of major renovation and expansion to meet police and university standards. The consultants and university administration determined that no existing space on campus could be renovated for permanent use as a public safety facility and, therefore, it was recommended that a new public safety facility be constructed near one of the campus gateways.

It should be noted that the campus master plan also recommends the construction of a new Admissions facility on the site of the existing public safety complex. This site was selected due to its prominent, central campus location. Funding for the new admissions building has been provided by the legislature from general obligation bonds. Design of the new admissions building is underway; however, construction cannot begin until the public safety functions are relocated to a new facility.

CCSU is requesting the use of designated fund balances in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the design and construction of an 11,500 gross square foot Public Safety Complex, which will house the campus Police Department, Fire Marshal and Health and Safety functions. The university proposes to construct a two-story, brick veneer, copper roofed facility, in close proximity to East Hall (Facility Operations), and the new Energy Center, presently in construction. Parking will be constructed on site to accommodate police and emergency vehicles, as well as the campus community, which will be conducting business in this facility.

The proposed new building will include space for public safety administration, patrol operations, special services, support services, the fire marshal, and environmental health and safety; provide visitor services; and serve as an emergency communications and critical incident command center. The facility also will provide space for dispatchers, locker rooms, evidence room and record storage, a short-term detention area, and other areas to support the daily functions of a university police department. The building will be designed and constructed to comply with the Police Department's special programmatic, communication, and accreditation requirements.

Construction of the new public safety facility will meet the long-term departmental needs, allow the department to absorb additional security-related technological enhancements, and underscore the commitment of the university to provide a safe and secure learning and work environment.

It is proposed that the cost of the project be paid from University operating funds. Design costs are estimated at \$186,000 and design is proposed to begin in Summer 2002. Construction funds in the amount of \$2,314,000 will be required, most likely in summer of 2003.

The designation of unrestricted fund balances for specific projects at a university is authorized by Board policy. Expenditure of these funds requires Board approval. Of particular note is that CCSU's undesignated fund balance meets the requirements of the Board's fund balance guidelines.

**CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

To approve the utilization of up to \$2,500,000 in designated fund balances to fund the new Public Safety Complex at Central Connecticut State University.