



Connecticut State University System

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BR#02-50



RESOLUTION

concerning

AUTHORIZATION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING

to offer

OFF-CAMPUS UNDERGRADUATE COURSES IN JAMAICA

by

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

October 3, 2002

WHEREAS, Board Resolution #94-103 authorizes any of the CSU System universities to establish credit or non-credit instructional programs at overseas sites operated in partnership with foreign institutions or individuals, and authorizes the President of such university to enter into contracts with such foreign institutions or individuals to carry out these programs in accordance with the provisions developed to implement BR #94-103, and

WHEREAS, Eastern Connecticut State University, as authorized in BR# 2000-100, entered into such an agreement with the Jamaica Ministry of Education to offer undergraduate courses in Education, and

WHEREAS, The majority of the students in this cohort are expected to receive their bachelors degrees in spring 2003, and

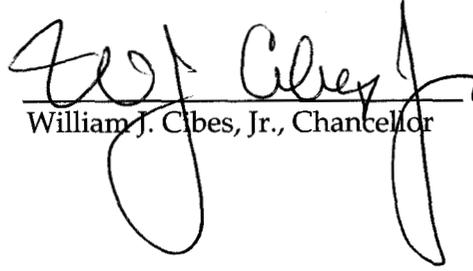
WHEREAS, This arrangement has been shown to be successful both academically and fiscally, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approves the Memorandum of Understanding between Eastern Connecticut State University and the Hanover Education Foundation with the endorsement of the Ministry of Education of the Government of Jamaica to offer currently approved undergraduate courses to a second cohort of students to improve the professional preparation of teachers for the nation of Jamaica, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System authorizes the President of Eastern Connecticut State University notify the Board of Governors for Higher Education of its intent to offer off-campus courses in Jamaica through academic years 2003-2007, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the President of Eastern Connecticut State University is authorized to enter into this agreement and shall report to the Board at the end of each academic year mentioned above concerning the educational and fiscal condition of this program, as required in Board Resolution #94-103.

A Certified True Copy:


William J. Cbes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Eastern Connecticut State University and the Hanover Education Foundation with the endorsement of the Ministry of Education of the Government of Jamaica to offer undergraduate courses in Jamaica by ECSU.

BACKGROUND

Eastern Connecticut State University has had a relationship of cooperation and joint effort in the development of educational opportunities over a long period. This relationship was initially based on two courses and expanded into collaboration with the Hanover Education Foundation. Courses were also offered during Intersession and Summer Session 2000.

In December 2000, the Board authorized ECSU to offer undergraduate courses in Jamaica to address a policy adopted by the Jamaican Government that requires all of its public school teachers to have bachelors degrees and faculty in baccalaureate-granting teachers colleges to have masters degrees. The offering of these undergraduate courses in Jamaica during the 2001-02 and 2002-03 academic years was part of a program to address the rising standards for teachers in Jamaica.

The policy of the Board of Governors of Higher Education is that when less than one-half of the course work is provided off campus, formal approval is not required. It is expected, however, that universities inform the Board of their intent to offer such course work.

ANALYSIS

Based on the success of the first cohort of students, the majority of which are expected to receive their degrees in spring 2003, Eastern is proposing to offer this same array of courses to a second cohort of students beginning in academic year 2003-04. Consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding approved in December 2000, the proposed course of study provides for 39 to 45 of 120 credits (consistent with courses and programs published in ECSU's 2002-2004 catalog) to be offered on site in Jamaica. ECSU faculty will teach these courses; Eastern's admissions policies and performances standards will be used to select participants and evaluate student achievement, respectively. Eastern will provide appropriate instructional materials and electronic access to its library. ECSU faculty will teach only during intersessions and/or summer session. All costs for travel, accommodations, incidentals, etc., as well as all specialized equipment, electronic connections and physical space will be borne by the Hanover Education Foundation.

Since these are undergraduate courses, they do not conflict with the graduate-level courses offered at Sam Sharpe University by CCSU. It is anticipated that completers of the courses offered by ECSU will be candidates for the CCSU Masters program.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Eastern to offer undergraduate courses in Jamaica and request the President of ECSU to inform the Board of Governors for Higher Education of its intent to offer off-campus courses in Jamaica through academic years 2003-2007.