



RESOLUTION

concerning

GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE GOVERNOR FOR CERTAIN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PURPOSES

December 13, 2002

WHEREAS, The Governor began negotiations in November with the State Employees' Bargaining Coalition (SEBAC) concerning concession bargaining with state employees, and

WHEREAS, The Governor, through the Office Policy and Management (OPM), has the statutory authority to negotiate over retirement issues for all state employees but does not have the authority to negotiate with unions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System (American Association of University Professors and State University Organization of Administrative Faculty) on contract concessions, and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of OPM has asked the education and judicial employers to grant the Governor authority to negotiate over the issues addressed in coalition bargaining on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee by telephone poll on November 8, 2002 agreed to transfer such authority, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That such Executive Committee vote granting the transfer the authority to negotiate contract concessions on behalf of the Board be hereby ratified.

A Certified True Copy:

[Handwritten signature of William J. Gibes, Jr.]
William J. Gibes, Jr.
Chancellor

ITEM

Ratification of Granting Authority to the Governor for Certain Collective Bargaining Purposes

BACKGROUND

Governor Rowland began negotiations in November with the State Employees' Bargaining Coalition (SEBAC) concerning concession bargaining with state employees. The Governor, through the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), has the statutory authority to negotiate over retirement issues for all state employees. The Governor does not, however, have the authority to negotiate with CSU unions on contract concessions. The two unions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees are the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and the State University Organization of Administrative Faculty (SUOAF-AFSCME).

Accordingly Marc Ryan, Secretary of OPM, asked the education and judicial employers to grant the Governor the authority to negotiate the issues addressed in coalition bargaining on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

ANALYSIS

Because of the urgency to respond to the Governor's request the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board, agreed on November 8, 2002, via a telephone poll to transfer this authority with the understanding that CSU representatives would be involved in the negotiations and that the scope of these negotiations is limited to coalition bargaining.

In accordance with Board bylaws, such action by the Executive Committee must be ratified by the full Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Ratification of granting the authority to the Governor to negotiate on behalf of the CSU Board of Trustees on issues related to contract concessions for AAUP and SUOAF-AFSCME.