POLICY ON PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES for CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

July 24, 1987

WHEREAS, Groups and individuals seek access to the Board in order to present their views on existing Board Policy or potential Board actions, and

WHEREAS, Members of the Board wish to provide opportunities for various constituencies to present their views, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That requests to address the Board, normally in writing, should be directed to its Chairperson or to the President of Connecticut State University stating the reasons therefore, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chairperson of the Board or the President shall direct access, as appropriate to the circumstances, to the CSU President or a subcommittee of the Board.

A Certified True Copy:

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RE: Definition of Sexual Harassment

DATE: May 1, 1987

Thank you for your recent transmittal asking our review of the definition of sexual harassment proposed for your student discipline guidelines.

First let me apologize for the delay in responding to your original request last November which was inadvertently attached to a request from David Newton, dated November 6, 1986, requesting our review of Eastern Connecticut State University's policy on sexual harassment complaints.

The definition is legally sufficient. It is, for all intents and purposes, a mirror image of the definition found in our Fair Employment Practice Act which applies to conditions in the workplace vis a vis student behavior or conduct. See Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-60(8).

Accordingly the proposed definition meets with our approval.

Best wishes.

Thomas P. Clifford, III
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cc: Robert W. Garvey, AAG
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TPC: mk
April 29, 1987

Mr. Robert Garvey  
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Dear Bob:

Last November I wrote to you requesting an informal opinion regarding the definition of sexual harassment approved by our Deans of Students for inclusion as an offense under our student discipline guidelines. Since we have not heard from you, I thought a renewed request might be in order. The definition will only apply to the behaviors of students toward each other; behavior involving faculty and other staff being covered in other published documents.

The offense and definition will be listed as:

"Sexual Harassment: Any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favors, or any other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when accompanied by intimidating or coercive pressure to comply with same."

Please let me know whether you find this to be an appropriate definition. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Porter  
Vice President for Academic Affairs & Research

cc: Mr. Clifford