

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Doyle reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at the Central Connecticut State University and recommended the following:

A resolution to establish a Center for Coastal and Marine Studies at Southern Connecticut State University. The center will engage undergraduate students and faculty in environmental research focusing on trying to better understand the pressures of human development on natural habitats and find ways to protect the delicate balance between the two. Trustee Doyle noted that Southern has received a generous gift from the Werth Family Foundation to support faculty and student research efforts and relayed President Norton's comment that this funding could "create a model for collaborative, interdisciplinary science research and research training."

Trustee Doyle moved the resolution; Trustee Rosa seconded the motion and the following resolution was approved unanimously.

- WHEREAS, Southern Connecticut State University is located centrally along the heavily urbanized Connecticut coastline proximate to a variety of diverse natural habitats, and
- WHEREAS, Long Island Sound has been designated as an estuary within the National Estuary Program, a program designed to protect nationally significant estuaries throughout the U.S., and
- WHEREAS, The efforts of the faculty, staff and students associated with the Center will focus on coastal and marine environmental/ecological research and education along Connecticut's urbanized coast and harbors, and
- WHEREAS, The Center will enhance education at the university, by fostering collaborative research and pedagogical initiatives among faculty across traditional academic departments in different disciplines, and
- WHEREAS, The President of Southern Connecticut State University has expressed the desire to establish a Center for Coastal and Marine Studies to further its teaching, training and research goals in the field of coastal and marine environmental/ecological education, and
- WHEREAS, The objectives of the Center are compatible with the mission of Southern Connecticut State University and the Connecticut State University system, and
- WHEREAS, Such a Center will facilitate the attainment of these objectives and contribute substantially to university leadership in the field of coastal and marine studies and benefit Southern students, field practitioners and the society, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby authorizes the establishment of the Center for Coastal and Marine Studies at Southern Connecticut State University, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Center for Coastal and Marine Studies may seek and receive contracts and grants from public and private organizations and may charge fees for services related to the purposes stated above provided that all applicable state and University regulations are observed, and be it further

- RESOLVED, That all funds received by the Center for Coastal and Marine Studies shall be deposited in a fund of the Southern Connecticut State University Foundation established for this Center. Such funds shall be used for the purposes of this Center and appropriate University support functions rendered to the Center, and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the President of Southern Connecticut State University is directed to periodically evaluate the functioning of the Center for Coastal and Marine Studies in terms of its effectiveness, and shall no later than September 1, 2012 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 Center for Coastal and Marine Studies shall go out of existence on December 31, 2012, unless action to the contrary is taken by the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System.