Introduction

Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) is committed to both the letter and the spirit of the laws that encompass Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action. With the exception of the numerical workbooks, this Plan was developed under Affirmative Action Regulations, 46a-68-75 through 46a-68-94 inclusive. Per 46a-68-76, CCSU has opted to submit the AAP in paper copy. In compliance with the revised regulations in 46a-68-77, the AAP addresses all 16 elements required for submission and compliance.

The 2022 AA Plan was approved in February 2023. No weaknesses or deficiencies were found in the proposed affirmative action plan.

To achieve all lawful objectives, the University has developed the annual 2022-2023 Affirmative Action Plan, pursuant to section 46a-68 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the corresponding Affirmative Action Regulations for State agencies. The Plan follows the format set forth in the regulations and addresses each element therein.

With a deeply rooted belief in the principles of Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity, CCSU continually strives to provide all employees, current and prospective, every opportunity and possible benefit regarding their employment. Equally, CCSU continually strives to ensure that every student is afforded the highest standard of educational opportunity.

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SENT VIA EMAIL

February 29, 2024

Zulma R Toro, PhD, President Central Connecticut State University 1615 Stanley Street New Britain, CT 06050

RE: 2023 Affirmative Action Plan - APPROVED

Dear Dr. Toro:

Pursuant to Section 46a-68(d) of the general statutes, the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities has reviewed the proposed affirmative action plan submitted by Central Connecticut State University on November 30, 2023. The Commission at its regular meeting on February 14, 2024, voted that the plan be **APPROVED**.

The review and analysis of the proposed affirmative action plan was performed in accordance with Section 46a-68-103 and is transmitted herewith. **THE SCHEDULED DATE FOR YOUR NEXT FILING is November 30, 2024.**

The Commission requests that the attached evaluation be thoroughly reviewed to ensure that all deficiencies, omissions, and errors identified in the Evaluation be addressed.

For technical assistance or if you have any questions, you may contact Gary Madison, CHRO Representative at 860-541-3411.

Sincerely,

Tanya A. Hughes Executive Director

Attachment

C: Craig Wright, Vice President of Equity & Inclusion Erin Rodas, Equity & Inclusion Associate Neva Elaine Vigezzi, Supervisor, Affirmative Action Unit Gary Madison, CHRO Representative

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PROPOSED AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

Central Connecticut State University

REVIEW AND ANALYSIS: A COMPARATIVE EVALUATION

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SECTION 46a-68-102. STANDARD OF REVIEW

- (a) To receive approved status, a plan must contain all elements required by Sections 46a-68-78 through 46a-68-94, inclusive.
- (b) Additionally, a plan shall be approved only if:
 - (1) the work force, considered as a whole and by occupational category, is in parity; or
 - (2) the agency has met all or substantially all of its hiring, promotion and program goals during the reporting period; or
 - (3) the agency has demonstrated every good faith effort to achieve such goals and, despite these efforts, has been unable to do so; and
 - (4) the agency has substantially addressed deficiencies noted by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

SECTION 46a-68-103. PLAN REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

As part of the review process, a written evaluation of the plan shall be prepared by Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities staff. Such evaluation shall:

- 1. assess the degree of procedural compliance with Regulations of CT State Agencies
- 2. identify and comment upon the deficiencies and weaknesses of the plan;
- 3. appraise the performance and effort of the agency in meeting its goals;
- 4. evaluate the effectiveness of the affirmative action program; and
- 5. suggest remedial action in addition to or in lieu of that proposed in the plan to achieve a balanced workforce and eliminate discriminatory practices.

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SECTION 46a-68-94. Concluding Statement

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CONCLUSION:

The proposed affirmative action plan submitted by Central Connecticut State University for the filing date of 11/30/2023 has been voted APPROVED.