Central Connecticut State University
UNIVERSITY SENATE ACTION

Senate Motion Number FS 16.17.014B

TO: President Zulma Toro

FROM: President of the University Senate

1. The attached motion of the University Senate, dealing with: **Addition of a January degree award period for undergraduates** is presented to you for your consideration.

2. This motion was adopted by the University Senate on **02/27/2017**.

3. After considering this motion, please indicate your action on this form, and return it together with the original copy to the President of the University Senate.

4. Under the By-Laws of the University Senate, Section 3.7, the following schedule of action is to be observed.

   a) By **03/17/2017**, Senate action reported to the President of the University. (Within five school days of the session in which they are adopted).

   b) By **03/31/2017**, the President of the University to return the motion to the President of the Senate. (Within ten school days of its receipt).

   **03/17/2017**
   Date
   ____________________________
   Stephen Cohen, President, University Senate

ENDORSEMENT:

TO: President of the University Senate

FROM: President Zulma Toro

1. Motion Approved: __________

2. Motion Disapproved: __________ (Explanatory statement must be appended).

3. Action "is deferred": __________

4. Resolution Noted: __________

5. Other: _______________________

   **3/26/2017**
   Date
   ____________________________
   President Zulma Toro
Proposal: Add a fourth degree award period following winter intersession in January.

Justification: Students are completing their degree requirements during winter intersession but have to wait until the end of the subsequent spring semester to have their degree awarded.

Impacted Catalog Policies (proposed additions in RED)

Application for Graduation

Central Connecticut State University confers degrees four times during the academic year: May, August, December, and January.

A graduating student must file an Application for Graduation with the Office of Registrar one year prior to graduation. The form may be obtained at the Registrar’s Website. Those expecting to complete degree requirements in May or August must file by May 1, and those completing in December or January must file by December 1 of the previous year.

Participation in Commencement Ceremonies

Central Connecticut State University holds one undergraduate Commencement ceremony annually at the end of the Spring semester.

Any undergraduate student who has filed a graduation application for Spring or Summer, and whose Spring degree evaluation confirms that the student is registered to complete all degree requirements by the end of the semester that they have filed for graduation, will be allowed to participate in the Spring Commencement ceremony.

Any undergraduate student who has filed a graduation application for Spring or Summer and whose Spring degree evaluation confirms that the student will have completed all but nine (9) or fewer credit hours required for the degree by the end of the Spring semester will be allowed to participate in the Spring Commencement ceremony.

Any undergraduate student who has filed a graduation application for Fall or Winter, and subsequently completes all course work and graduates, will be invited to participate in the following Spring’s Commencement ceremony.

Undergraduate students, who have filed a graduation application for Spring or Summer, and have more than nine (9) credit hours of work remaining will not be allowed to participate in the Commencement ceremony. However, in the case of extraordinary circumstances, such as family or health emergencies, students may appeal to the Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee. The student may be required to provide supporting documentation in making such an appeal. The decision of the Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee is final.