



February 10, 2023

Dr. Lawrence Schall
President
Dr. Patricia O'Brien
Vice President
New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)
301 Edgewater Place, Suite 210
Wakefield, MA 01880

Dear Drs. Schall and O'Brien,

In NECHE's March 21, 2022, letter to Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) President Terrence Cheng and then Connecticut State Community College (CT State) Interim-President Dr. Michael Rooke, the Commission requested a February 2023 progress report regarding CT State's progress on the plans to consolidate the 12 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities community colleges into Connecticut State Community College, as well as plans outlined in our substantive change, are fully implemented in a manner consistent with Commission's *Standards for Accreditation*.

As requested by NECHE, CT State's progress report and response are enclosed.

Change such as this and on this scale is unprecedented in New England Higher Education's history. In many cases, the timelines that we estimated in February 2022 for complex work such as this, were clearly ambitious. We have had to adjust our timeframes to the work taking much longer than originally envisioned. However, all items remain on track to get completed this spring.

We remain deeply grateful for the Commission's patience, guidance, support, and partnership as we pursue unified accreditation.

If the Commission has further questions about the report, please contact CT State's accreditation liaison officer, Dr. Kimberly Sorrentino, at 860-612-7038 or by email at ksorrentino@commnet.edu, and Ms. AnnMarie Harrison, CT State Chief of Staff, at 860-612-7025 or by email at aharrison@commnet.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Maduko".

Dr. John Maduko, M.D.
President

cc: Terrence Cheng, CSCU President
Members of the New England Commission of Higher Education