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New England Commission of Higher Education
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Members of the New England Commission of Higher Education:

The University of Connecticut is pleased to partner with the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) in meeting the needs of Connecticut's students and the workforce development of our state. As the state's flagship research university, we want to ensure that we support students in their goal of obtaining a UConn degree. We share a goal with CSCU in ensuring that all students who transfer from Connecticut community colleges to UConn have a positive experience.

We are fully aware of the proposal to merge the state's twelve community colleges into a single accredited institution as CT State Community College (CT State). As this proposal moves forward, we are committed to working closely with CSCU to continue to build seamless pathways for all students to meet their educational goals. The community colleges are a key partner for us in helping to meet the state's workforce and economic development goals and UConn is partnering on state and federal grants with CSCU and the future CT State Community College to bring more education and training resources to our communities.

As we continue our collaboration across the higher education system in our state, we will continue to work closely with CSCU in transferability of classes for Connecticut students between institutions.

Sincerely,



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