



RESOLUTION GUES 20-02 – Goodwin University Educational Services

WHEREAS, Goodwin University Educational Services, Inc. (“GUES”) is a subsidiary of Goodwin University, an institution of higher education in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Connecticut has issued a series of executive orders designed to implement mitigation strategies and reduce the transmission of the virus, consistent with recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (“DPH”); and

WHEREAS, consistent with the policy initiatives reflected in the executive orders and recommendations of CDC and DPH, the University has taken and continues to take steps to operate in ways that reduce the transmission of the virus; and

WHEREAS, developments concerning the COVID-19 crisis and government and private sector responses to the crisis are changing very rapidly, and GUES and the University may need to make urgent decisions to change its operations, programs, and finances in response to the crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

The Board of Trustees grants the President of Goodwin University the following temporary emergency powers over the GUES during the COVID-19 crisis:

The President shall have emergency authority to make decisions and take actions to avoid or mitigate the risk of serious harm, damage, or injury to any person(s) or to GUES, operations, finances, or reputation, on any matters that would normally require approval of the Board of GUES but where the circumstances require immediate decision and/or action and, in the good faith exercise of his discretion, the President determines it would be impossible or impracticable to hold a timely in-person or telephonic meeting of the Board.

The following conditions apply to the President’s exercise of temporary emergency powers under this resolution:

- a) actions that would otherwise require Board approval will only be undertaken with the signature of the President, the Vice President of Finance, and either the Superintendent of the Magnet Schools or the Senior Vice President of the University;
- b) to the extent practicable, the President will consult with the Board of GUES about the emergency actions to be undertaken; and

c) the President will communicate with the Board of GUES about the emergency actions taken within 48 hours of taking such actions.

At its May 13, 2020 meeting and thereafter as warranted, the Board of GUES will re-examine this resolution granting the President temporary emergency powers.

Signed: _____
Mark Scheinberg, Secretary

Signed: _____
Dr. Maria Ellis, Chair

Date: _____

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