

## Willowbrook site OK'd by CUNY board

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With a minimum of ceremony, the City University board of trustees has unanimously approved the relocation of the College of Staten Island (CSI) to the grounds of Staten Island Developmental Center in Willowbrook.

The action at yesterday's board meeting authorized university officials to begin negotiations with the state for 187 acres of the Willowbrook property, which is being vacated by the developmental center.

In addition, the board approved a recommendation, made by the university's office of facilities planning and management, that the new campus include 720,000 net square feet of space.

The building space would give CSI the equivalent of 90 square feet per student, based on a projected enrollment of 8,000 full-time equivalent students by 1990. By comparison, CSI had 57.5 net square feet of building space per student in fall 1983. Overcrowding at the present college facilities in Sunnyside and St. George has been a primary factor in the push for a new campus.

The first of several key approvals CSI must obtain in its quest for a new campus, yesterday's vote proved an easy hurdle. There was little doubt about the outcome: The new campus proposal was endorsed earlier this month by the university's facilities and finance committee, and there was no discussion yesterday as the board approved the recommendations.

"I've heard no one say anything against it," said Donal Farley, City University's vice chancellor of facilities planning and management.

Although creating a consolidation college has been an issue for more than 15 years, the idea of building at Willowbrook has evolved only in the past 12 months.

For years, CSI campaigned for building a new campus at a 110-acre site in Ocean Breeze near Staten Island Hospital, and the university board approved that site several years ago. But before the university acted on its plans, Gov. Mario M. Cuomo announced early in 1984 his intention to close down the developmental center, making that property available.

"Although we had mentioned it from time to time, the Willowbrook site was never seriously considered before (Cuomo's announcement)," Louis Cenci, one of two Islanders on the CUNY