Faculty Senate Resolution

To: SCSU President Mary Papazian

From: Susan Cusato, President of the SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate regards: Resolution on AAUP Travel Funds, 2013-2014.

The Resolution is presented to you for your [X] APPROVAL [ ] INFORMATION

After considering this resolution, please indicate your action on this form and return it to the President of the Faculty Senate.

In accordance with the CSU-AAUP Contract (Article 5.10), the President of the University will return the Resolution to the President of the Senate within 15 school days of the receipt of the Resolution.

cc: Dr. Marianne Kennedy, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs and Interim Provost

Susan H. Cusato, President, Faculty Senate

MAY 1 2013

Date

ENDORSEMENT of Faculty Senate Resolution, S-13-06

To: Susan Cusato, President SCSU Faculty Senate

From: Mary Papazian, President of the University

1. Motion APPROVED
2. Motion DISAPPROVED [X] (attach statement)
3. Motion NOTED
4. Comments: The resolution is inconsistent with the collective bargaining agreement.

May 28, 2013

Date

Signature
Faculty Senate Resolution on AAUP Travel Funds, 2013-2014.

Whereas Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence;

Whereas CSU-AAUP Travel Funds support Faculty attendance at professional seminars, workshops, conferences or educational exchanges (CSU-AAUP Contract Article 9.5);

Whereas attendance at and participation in such conferences and academic gatherings enhances the ability of SCSU Faculty to achieve excellence as scholars in their particular disciplines;

Whereas the Vision Statement of the 2007-2012 Strategic Plan for Southern Connecticut State University expects that faculty will “engage in outstanding research and creative activity” and thereby “challenge students to achieve their full potential”;

Whereas the maximum contractual funding available for travel was set at $1,200 at least twenty-seven years ago and was only increased to $1,500 in 2002, the level at which it has remained in spite of inflation;

Whereas the Faculty Senate has voted to set the amount of Travel Funds available per Faculty member at the last Senate meeting of the year for at least the past twenty seven years, through an annual Faculty Senate Resolution on Travel Funds;

Whereas the sitting President of SCSU has signed the Faculty Senate’s annual Travel Fund Resolution every year until this current Academic Year 2012-2013;

Whereas in at least the past five years an average of $48,629 of the AAUP (contractual) Travel Funds has remained unexpended at the end of the year and has carried over to the subsequent fiscal year;

Whereas the SCSU Faculty Senate is the representative body of the Academic Faculty;

Whereas the CSU-AAUP Contract expects collegial governance to be practiced on each campus by an elected Senate in keeping with campus traditions;

Whereas the Faculty Senate is “the agency by which the faculty can actively participate in the governance and policy-making decisions of the University on the basis of the principle of shared authority”;

Be it resolved that the SCSU Faculty Senate continue to send forward its annual Travel Fund Resolution regarding the annual maximum AAUP travel allotment per faculty member, according to its judgment and its tradition, following the standard discussion and vote of its members at the designated meeting of the year, and that the University President honor that Resolution.

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