Senate Resolution Number S-14-17

Faculty Senate Resolution

To: SCSU President Mary Papazian
From: William Farclas, President of the SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate regards: **Resolution in Regards to Faculty Parking at SCSU**

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

William Farclas, President, Faculty Senate

5-7-14
Date

ENDORSEMENT of Faculty Senate Resolution, S-14-17

To: William Farclas, 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 concerns expressed are noted and I encourage the Faculty Senate to approach the university Health and Safety Committee for further discussion. The master facility planning process will include issues of parking.

5-28-14
Date

Signature
Resolution in Regards to Faculty Parking at SCSU

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

And whereas the SCSU Faculty Senate is the official representative body of the Academic Faculty;

And whereas the Buley Library renovation as well as the construction of the new science building has made the parking situation on campus increasingly challenging;

And whereas the proposed Master Facility Plan includes the creation of a new campus entrance off of Fitch Street with a parking lot reserved only for high administrators and visitors, eliminating the faculty/staff parking that is currently available in the Engleman/Jennings parking lot (Lots 1 & 2), which will further reduce parking availability as well as underutilize prime parking areas during the evenings and on weekends when visitors and administrators with reserved parking are not on campus;

And whereas a survey of the faculty has shown that a majority of the faculty are not satisfied with the current parking options, leading to feelings of being undervalued and contributing to an atmosphere of low morale;

And whereas faculty members have expressed significant concerns about safety, including a lack of police presence in parking lots and parking garages, poor lighting, unsafe walkways, isolated areas, and insufficient parking for those with handicap permits.

Therefore be it resolved that parking regulations be better enforced, such that only those with proper permits can park in designated areas (e.g., handicapped/administrator/visitor spaces, faculty/staff lots and garage areas);

And be it resolved that since there are currently restricted parking spaces that are not individually signed, all restricted parking spaces be signed individually with the proper restriction;

And be it resolved that additional parking areas be constructed, such as a garage, with closer proximity to primary academic buildings on the southeast side of campus;

And be it resolved that these additional parking areas be funded and under construction in conjunction with the transformation of the Engleman/Jennings lot into the new campus entrance;

And be it resolved that the free faculty parking guaranteed by the Collective Bargaining Agreement continues to include lots/garages in close proximity to major academic buildings;
And be it resolved that there be adequate parking for faculty/staff with handicap permits adjacent to the academic buildings;

And be it resolved that concerns raised by both female and male faculty with regard to safety issues be addressed, including adequate police presence after dark, good lighting for walkways and parking lots, and reliable maintenance of walkways, especially those between the Fitch Street parking garage and the Engleman/Morrill/Jennings/Pelz buildings.