

Senate Resolution Number S-06-05

Faculty Senate Resolution

To: SCSU President Cheryl Norton

From: John DaPonte, President of the SCSU Faculty Senate

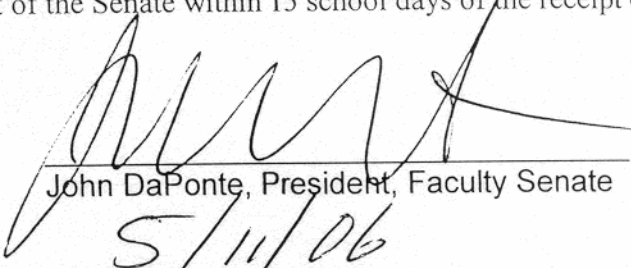
The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate regards: ENFORCEMENT OF SCSU GRADING POLICIES

The Resolution is presented to you for your 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. Selase Williams


John DaPonte, President, Faculty Senate

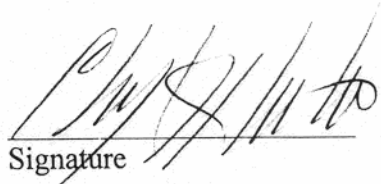
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ENDORSEMENT of Faculty Senate Resolution, **S-06-05**

To: John DaPonte, President SCSU Faculty Senate
From: Cheryl Norton, President of the University

1. Motion APPROVED X
2. Motion DISAPPROVED _____ (attach statement)
3. Motion NOTED _____
4. Comments _____

8/24/06
Date


Signature

ENFORCEMENT OF SCSU GRADING POLICIES

Whereas SCSU exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence;

And whereas in Article 4.2.2.2 of the CSU/AAUP Collective Bargaining Agreement it is clearly stated that the determination of grades is the responsibility of the instructor of the course;

And whereas the determination of grades is a crucial dimension of Academic Freedom;

And whereas it is clearly stated in the Faculty Senate Document on Grade Change Procedures that only a faculty-based grade appeals committee can change an instructor's grade;

And whereas the changing of any grade or code without faculty consent constitutes an abrogation of a faculty member's contractual privilege and responsibility to control the assigning of grades in his/her courses;

And whereas the 2005-06 Student Handbook (Page 31) directs students to use the Grade Change Procedure to appeal a faculty member's denial of a student's request for a late course withdrawal;

And whereas grades of "WP" and "WF" require the instructor's permission;

And whereas a student may receive a grade of "W" by withdrawing from a course by specified university deadlines, but requires permission of the instructor to withdraw after that deadline has passed;

And whereas in considering granting permission for a "WP" or "WF" the instructor must determine the student's academic standing;

And whereas changing any of the grades "A" through "F," "WP," "WF," or "P" to "W" constitutes a grade change;

Therefore be it resolved that:

The SCSU administration reaffirm and enforce SCSU policy and faculty rights as outlined in the Collective Bargaining Agreement and related documents regarding the assigning of both letter grades and the grades referred to as special codes (i.e., "W," "WP" and "WF") and

therefore, be it further resolved that:

The office of the President notify all administrators and staff personnel of the university grading policy that grades, including special codes, cannot be changed without an instructor's permission, except through the formal Grade Change Procedure.