

**Faculty Senate Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_**

To: Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, Southern Connecticut State University  
From: Deborah Weiss, Ph.D., President, SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate is entitled:

RESOLUTION Regarding \_\_\_\_\_

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This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: \_\_\_\_\_

- This Resolution is presented for APPROVAL  
 This Resolution is presented for INFORMATION

In accordance with the CSU-AAUP Contract (Article 5.10), "When the Senate makes a written recommendation to the President, the President shall acknowledge and respond to the recommendation in writing within fifteen (15) school days of receiving the Senate's recommendation. "

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

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Deborah Weiss, Ph.D., President, Faculty Senate      Date

cc: Robert S. Prezant, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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**ACTION OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

**Resolution for Approval:**

- Resolution APPROVED  
 Resolution DISAPPROVED (Provide comments below or attach statement)

**Resolution for Information:**

- Resolution NOTED (applies to Informational Resolutions only)

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Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU

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Date

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE  
RESOLUTION REGARDING SEARCH FOR NEXT CSCU PRESIDENT**

Whereas, Southern Connecticut State University exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence;

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

Whereas, CSCU President Mark Ojakian has announced his retirement, effective January 1, 2021;

Whereas, It is crucial to the future success of CSCU that a highly qualified, competent, and experienced academic be hired to replace him;

Whereas, The decisions made by the Board of Regents and the CSCU President have an impact on the lives and careers of thousands of dedicated teaching and administrative faculty members, tens of thousands of students and many tens of thousands more of alumni, who depend on the reputations of our universities and colleges; and

Whereas, Teaching faculty and administrative staff members who have dedicated decades of their lives to the education of our students are in the best position to assess the qualifications of applicants for the position of CSCU President; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the SCSU Faculty Senate calls upon the Board of Regents to conduct a national search, consistent with principles of equity and inclusion, for a new CSCU President, with an expectation that the selected candidate shall take office no later than the beginning of the 2021-22 academic year; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCSU Faculty Senate calls upon the Board of Regents to establish a single search committee to review credentials, interview candidates, and make a recommendation to the Board of a preferred candidate for the position of CSCU President, with more than half of the search committee comprising members of the teaching faculty and administrative staff of the constituent institutions of CSCU, elected by their peers or by faculty and staff representative bodies; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCSU Faculty Senate asserts that the search for the new CSCU President must be conducted according to the principles espoused by AAUP for searches for institutional presidents; in particular, current system-level administrators must have a limited or nonexistent role in the search, as they represent the perspective of the outgoing administration; and be it further

Resolved, That the SCSU Faculty Senate asserts that the search committee must establish criteria for the selection of the new CSCU President, and that such criteria must include that applicants shall hold an earned terminal degree in their field, and have a substantial number of years of higher education experience, including at least some years as president of an individual institution of higher education in a collective bargaining environment.