

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 _____

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.

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

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

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)

Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU

Date

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE
RESOLUTION REGARDING STUDENT OPINION SURVEYS FOR SPRING 2020, FALL
2020, AND SPRING 2021

Whereas, Southern Connecticut State University 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 extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 have resulted in most Faculty being required to change their pedagogy; and

Whereas, Student Opinion Surveys are instrumental in Faculty evaluations utilized for renewal, promotion, tenure, and professional assessment; and

Whereas, Although the Collective Bargaining Agreement mandates the use of Student Opinion Surveys (4.11.7), the CBA does not state that these must be collected every semester, or for each class. Further, per the CBA (4.11.8), "...the procedure for collecting, routing, and disposition of the surveys shall be recommended by the Senate and approved by the President."; and

Whereas, Faculty would be disadvantaged by the results of Student Opinion Surveys that do not reflect their typical teaching performance; and

Whereas, There are alternative methods of assessing teaching effectiveness (e.g., peer teaching reviews, student opinion surveys from previous semesters, course materials, and statements of teaching philosophy); and

Whereas, Providing faculty with the option to include or not include Student Opinion Surveys for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters will ensure that they are not disadvantaged unfairly by the results of these surveys; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That after being tabulated, the Student Opinion Surveys shall be routed only to the faculty member and not to any other third party; and be it further

Resolved, That faculty shall not be penalized in any manner by evaluators at any step of the evaluation process if they choose not to include Student Opinion Surveys from the Spring 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021 semesters in their evaluation files.