



FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Resolution Number F-2023-04

To: Dwayne Smith, Ph.D., Interim President, Southern Connecticut State University
From: Natalie Starling, Ph.D., President, SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate is entitled:

RESOLUTION Regarding Midterm Grades

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: 11/15/2023

- 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.

Natalie Starling Digitally signed by Natalie Starling
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Natalie Starling, 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)

Dwayne Smith, Ph.D., Interim President, SCSU 11/16/2023
Date

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

Resolution Regarding Midterm Grades

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

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

Whereas, The Faculty at SCSU have a deep commitment to the intellectual development and success of our students;

Whereas, All members of the University community have a common goal to increase retention, persistence, and graduation rates of our students;

Whereas, Providing assessments for students supports these objectives;

Whereas, Students who receive Midterm Letter Grades in Banner have a lower DFW rate than students who do not receive them;

Whereas, A Midterm Grade does not affect a student's academic record and therefore cannot by itself constitute grounds for a Final Grade Appeal;

Whereas, The University also has advising services that use Midterm Grades to identify and reach out to students in academic distress;

Whereas, University advising services are greatly facilitated by entering Midterm Grades in Banner in a uniform and consistent manner across all classes, in addition to other methods that faculty may find appropriate for communicating to students their midterm performance; and

Whereas, The University Academic Calendar¹ provides the dates for Midterm Grade submission well in advance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That all instructors shall enter Midterm Grades in Banner for undergraduate classes by the relevant date in the University Academic Calendar.

¹ <https://calendar.southernct.edu/academic/all>