Senate Resolution Number S-13-07

Faculty Senate Resolution

To: SCSU President Mary Papazian

From: Susan Cusato, President of the SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate regards: Resolution on Faculty Creative Activity Funds, 2013-2014.

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

Susan Cusato, President, Faculty Senate

May 1, 2013
Date

ENDORSEMENT of Faculty Senate Resolution, S-13-07

To: Susan Cusato, President SCSU Faculty Senate
From: Mary Papazian, President of the University

1. Motion APPROVED
2. Motion DISAPPROVED (attach statement)
3. Motion NOTED X
4. Comments Resolution cannot be approved at this time; requires further discussion.

May 28, 2013
Date

Signature
Faculty Senate Resolution on Faculty Creative Activity Funds, 2013-2014.

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 Senate is "the agency by which the faculty can actively participate in the governance and policy-making decisions of the University on the basis of the principle of shared authority";¹

Whereas SCSU Faculty Senate is committed to shared governance;

Whereas academic strategic planning that began in 2002 in the context of shared governance resulted in a strategic commitment to increasing support for Travel Funds and Creative Activity;

Whereas the Senate approved a resolution for the creation of a Faculty Creative Activity Fund (S-10-03), a resolution that was approved by the President on April 26, 2010;

Whereas the Senate appointed a Creative Activity Fund Committee to design an implementation plan for travel funds and research grants;

Whereas the implementation plan designed by the Creative Activity Fund Committee was approved by subsequent Faculty Senate votes following extensive discussion;

Whereas the initial implementation was accomplished by the Creative Activity Fund Committee in direct, ongoing, and detailed consultation with the University Controller, the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Executive Vice President for Finance;

Whereas implementation has subsequently taken place in two successive academic years (2010-11 and 2011-12), with the orderly and transparent expenditure of Creative Activity Travel Funds and Creative Activity Research Grants according to the approved procedures;

Whereas the administration interrupted the implementation process such that the Creative Activity Travel Funds have not been expended for the academic year 2012-2013 according to the approved procedure, and said funds will not carry over to the next academic year;

Whereas the administration reduced the Faculty Creative Activity Fund Research grants by $25,000 in order to pay fringe expenses on the $2,500 grant stipends, thereby reducing the strategic impact of the Faculty Creative Activity Grants on the achievement of academic excellence;

Be it resolved that Faculty Senate Creative Activity Funds be implemented in 2013-2014 according to the plan approved by the Faculty Senate and implemented in 2010-11 and 2011-12 in cooperation with the University Controller, the Office of the Provost and the Office of the Executive Vice President for Finance;

Be it further resolved that no further changes to that process of implementation be undertaken unless such proposed changes are discussed and voted on by the full Faculty Senate.