Senate Resolution Number S-13-08

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 the Incremental Increase of Faculty Creative Activity Grant 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 H Cusato
Susan Cusato, President, Faculty Senate

Date

ENDORSEMENT of Faculty Senate Resolution, S-13-08

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

1. Motion APPROVED
2. Motion DISAPPROVED x (attach statement)
3. Motion NOTED
4. Comments See attached

Date:

Signature

MAY 28, 2013
Faculty Senate Resolution on the Incremental Increase of Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant 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 CSU-AAUP Contract expects collegial governance to be practiced on each campus by an elected Senate in keeping with campus traditions;

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";

Whereas the SCSU Faculty Senate is committed to shared governance;

Whereas the Vision Statement of the 2007-2012 Strategic Plan for Southern Connecticut State University expects that faculty will "engage in outstanding research and creative activity" and thereby "challenge students to achieve their full potential';

Whereas Faculty Research and Creative Activity are essential to SCSU's mission and identity as a University;

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

Whereas the Faculty 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 approved resolution created a fund that would be the equivalent of one tenth of one percent of the operating budget;

Whereas the Faculty Senate appointed a Creative Activity Fund Committee to design a process for the implementation of the Creative Activity Travel Funds, as well as a competitive application process for Creative Activity Research Grants;

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

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

Whereas the Senate Faculty Creative Fund has enabled Faculty to travel to additional conferences and academic gatherings as well as to pursue research projects in pursuit of our shared goal of academic excellence;

Whereas the original Faculty Senate Resolution entailed a strategic commitment to increase the Faculty Creative Activity Fund from one tenth of one percent of the operating budget to three tenths of one percent of the operating budget within five years;
Whereas three years have passed since our strategic commitment with no incremental increase in the Faculty Creative Activity Fund;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Creative Activity Fund be increased to an amount equivalent to two tenths of one percent of the operating budget for Academic Year 2013-2014.

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Disapproved by President Mary Papazian with the following comment:

Any increase to the identified 1/10 of 1 percent is subject to continued review of the budget per Faculty Senate Resolution S-10-03. The budget process is ongoing at this time and does not currently appear to provide room for an increase to this fund.