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 Restoration of Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant Funds 2012

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-13-09

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 The fund is supporting the grants.

May 28, 2013
Date
Signature
Faculty Senate Resolution on the Restoration of Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant Funds, 2012-2013.

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 academic strategic planning that began in 2002 in the context of shared governance resulted in a strategic commitment to increasing support for Faculty 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 Faculty Senate appointed a Faculty Creative Activity Fund Committee to design a competitive application process for research grants;

Whereas a competitive grant application process was designed by the Creative Activity Fund Committee, standardizing the grant award as a $2,500 stipend in order to maximize the number of awards;

Whereas the implementation plan 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 took place in an orderly and transparent manner for two successive years with the award of 34 grants in each year;

Whereas in the Fall of 2012 the Office of the Provost reduced the Faculty Creative Activity Fund for Research grants by $25,000 in order to pay fringe on the stipends, thereby significantly reducing the impact of the Faculty Creative Activity Grants on academic excellence;

Whereas the original Faculty Senate Resolution (S-10-03) that created the Faculty Creative Activity Fund called for an incremental increase in the fund rather than a reduction;

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”;

Be it resolved that the SCSU Administration restore the $25,000 to the Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant budget so that an additional ten grants can be awarded in the current academic year;

Be it further resolved that fringe expenses for the Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant stipends be paid from the operating budget in a way that does not affect the total amount the Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant Fund, an amount that was established with a common understanding and a common purpose to maximize the number of grant stipend awards possible to advance our shared purpose of academic excellence.
Be it further resolved that no further changes to the process of implementation be undertaken unless such proposed changes are discussed and voted on by the full Faculty Senate.


2 In 2010-11 and in 2011-12, the Creative Activity Research Grant fund totaled $85,000, permitting 34 grant award stipends at $2,500 each.

3 As is the case for CSU Research Grant Stipends and SCSU Curriculum Related Project Stipends.