Senate Resolution Number S-14-07

Faculty Senate Resolution

To: SCSU President Mary Papazian

From: William Faraclas, President of the SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate regards: Resolution on CBA Travel Funds, 2014-2015.

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

William Faraclas, President, Faculty Senate

4-28-14

Date

ENDORSEMENT of Faculty Senate Resolution, S-14-07

To: William Faraclas, 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 input of the Faculty Senate is acknowledged as travel and creative activity policies are considered. The President and Provost again invite discussion with the Faculty Senate on this or any other topic relevant to Faculty Senate business.

4/3/14

Date

Signature
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Faculty Senate Resolution on CBA Travel Funds, 2014-2015.

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

Whereas CSU-AAUP Travel Funds support Faculty attendance at professional seminars, workshops, conferences or educational exchanges (CSU-AAUP Contract Article 9.5);

Whereas attendance at and participation in such conferences and academic gatherings enhances the ability of SCSU Faculty to achieve excellence as scholars in their particular disciplines;

Whereas the Collective Bargaining Agreement (9.5.1) specifies that the President or designee shall consult with the cabinet and the Senate President in assigning travel funds, and each full-time member shall normally not be allowed more than $1,500 reimbursement per contract year toward the cost of fees;

Whereas the Faculty Senate has voted to set the amount of Travel Funds available per Faculty member at the last Senate meeting of the year for at least the past twenty eight years, through an annual Faculty Senate Resolution on Travel Funds;

Whereas the SCSU allocation for maximum funding established by the President has been reduced in recent years and was established for 2013-2014 at $1,000;

Whereas in recent years the “carry over” of unexpended funding from the previous fiscal year has exceeded $50,000 and in the 2013-2014 Academic Year was $105,308;

Whereas inflation for travel and conference costs has significantly outpaced inflationary increases in other areas and increased costs have impacted faculty opportunities to participate in international and national conferences and educational exchanges;

And, whereas the Faculty Senate is acting to fulfill its responsibility of conferring with the President in establishing a maximum annual SCSU funding limit on AAUP travel funds for the academic year 2014-2015

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate convey to President Papazian the recommendation that travel funds for academic year 2014-2015 be set as follows:

$ 1,500.00 for full time faculty
$ 750.00 for part time faculty