Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-16-16

To:       Mary Papazian, PhD, President, Southern Connecticut State University
From:    William Faracas, DrPH, President, SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate is entitled:
Faculty Senate Resolution on AAUP Travel Funds, 2016-2017

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on:   April 13, 2016

[ X ] 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.

William Faracas, DrPH, President, Faculty Senate   4-20-16

cc:    Ellen Durnin, PhD, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

ACTION OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

To:       Mary Papazian, PhD., President, SCSU
From:    William Faracas, DrPH, President, SCSU Faculty Senate

Resolution for approval:
[    ] Resolution APPROVED
[X]  Resolution DISAPPROVED (Provide comments below or attach statement)
Comments ________________________________

Resolution for information:
[    ] Resolution NOTED (applies to Informational Resolutions only)
Comments ________________________________

Mary Papazian, PhD, President, SCSU   Date
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Resolution on AAUP Travel Funds, 2016-2017

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 2014-2015 at $1,200;

Whereas concerted efforts to inform faculty of available funding to support travel were made this past year and a large balance in unexpended funds remains;

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;

Whereas the Faculty Senate is acting to fulfill its responsibility in conferring with the President in establishing a maximum annual SCSU funding limit on AAUP travel funds for the academic year 2016-2017;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends that the travel funds for academic year 2016-2017 be set as follows:

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

Approved by the Faculty Senate, April 13, 2016