Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2017-04

To: Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, Southern Connecticut State University
From: Maria Diamantis, Ed.D., President, SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate is entitled:
RESOLUTION REGARDING INACTION ON CURRICULUM PROPOSALS
PRESENTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST FOR ACTION

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: February 8, 2017

[ 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.

cc: Ellen Durnin, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

ACTION OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

To: Maria Diamantis, Ed.D., President, SCSU Faculty Senate
From: Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU

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

Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU
Date: 2-14-17
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

RESOLUTION REGARDING INACTIONS ON CURRICULUM PROPOSALS
PRESENTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST FOR ACTION

Whereas, Southern Connecticut State University exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence; and

Whereas, academic excellence is a function of curricular integrity; and

Whereas, curriculum is the domain of the faculty; and

Whereas, changes and innovations in the curriculum are governed by an established process; and

Whereas, the faculty has followed the established process for the UCF flow of proposals; and

Whereas, not all proposals submitted by the UCF to the Office of the Provost have been processed in a timely way, including some that were submitted as early as November 2016; and

Whereas, requests made by the UCF to the Office of the Provost to act on the delayed proposals have been ignored in violation of the established process; and

Whereas, all of the proposals on hold have implications for curriculum, and some of the proposals on hold are necessary to conform to the 120-credit normalization mandate of the legislature; and

Whereas, not processing the proposals being held will prevent their inclusion in the 2017-2018 academic offerings; and

Whereas, not including the proposed curriculum changes and innovations in the 2017-2018 academic offerings will harm students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Office of the Provost shall follow the established process for reviewing and acting on all proposals put before it by the UCF; and

Resolved, That, given the time sensitive nature of proposals that already have been delayed, the Office of the Provost shall act on all pending proposals immediately in order for them to be available for inclusion in the 2017-2018 academic offerings; and

Resolved, That the Office of the Provost shall act immediately on all future proposals put before it by the UCF.
February 21, 2017

To: Maria Diamantis, Ed.D., President, SCSU Faculty Senate
From: Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President Southern Connecticut State University

Re: Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2017-04

In accordance with the CSU-AAUP Contract (Article 5.10) and in response to Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2017-04, I hereby DISAPPROVE the Resolution for the following reasons:

1. The resolution does not accurately represent the facts as presented to me by Provost Durnin (see attached).
2. The resolution does not reflect the agreement between the administration and executive committee of the Faculty Senate to make a good faith effort to discuss and attempt to resolve such matters before they are brought to the senate floor for action. Furthermore, the resolution does not reflect the spirit of open communication and transparency the administration has strived to achieve with the faculty and community.

I respectfully request that the Provost and I be given the opportunity to respond to this resolution in person at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Cc: Dr. Ellen Durnin, (Interim) Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs