Faculty Senate Resolution Number F-2016-01

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 A NEW UNDERGRADUATE CATALOGUE ENTRY PERTAINING TO UNIVERSITY POLICY ON THE REPORTING OF NON-ATTENDANCE OR NON-PARTICIPATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: November 9, 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.

Maria Diamantis, Ed.D., President, Faculty Senate  11/15/16

cc: Ellen Durnin, Ph.D., (Interim) 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

[ ] 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  12-13-16
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

RESOLUTION REGARDING A-NEW UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE CATALOGUE ENTRY PERTAINING TO UNIVERSITY POLICY ON THE REPORTING OF NON-ATTENDANCE OR NON-PARTICIPATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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 SCSU Faculty Senate is the agency by which faculty can 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 academic achievement and student success;

Whereas the United States Department of Education requires timely notification of when students stop attending or stop participating in a course during the semester;

Whereas compliance with the United States Department of Education financial aid reporting requirements will insure student access to financial aid in the future;

Whereas the SCSU Faculty Senate is committed to transparency and clarity regarding academic policies;

Therefore, be it resolved that our new University Policy on reporting non-attendance or non-participation to the United States Department of Education be inserted in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogues as follows:

University Policy on reporting non-attendance or non-participation to the United States Department of Education

In order to ensure compliance with the United States Department of Education (US DoE) financial aid reporting requirements, Southern Connecticut State University monitors attendance and reports all students who stop attending or participating in on-ground classes or stop participating in online classes to the US DoE. This policy pertains to undergraduate and graduate students.

Group 1: Students who never attended/participated
Students who have never attended or participated in a class by the end of the third week of the semester will be reported to the Registrar via the designated electronic reporting portal. Pending further clarification, the student will be removed from the class roster by the Registrar’s office.

Group 2: Students who stopped attending/participating
Students who have attended at least one class, but subsequently stop attending/participating will receive a grade of FS. The faculty member will enter this grade and include the last date of participation. The grade should be entered as soon as the instructor is aware of failure to attend/participate but at a minimum when submitting midterm and final grades. The FS grade will appear as an F on student transcripts.