Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2017-06

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 the BOR CODE OF CONDUCT

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: February 22, 2017

[ ] This Resolution is presented for APPROVAL

[ X ] 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.

[Signature]
Mariá Diamantis, Ed.D., President, Faculty Senate

2/27/17
Date

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

[ ] Resolution DISAPPROVED (Provide comments below or attach statement)

Comments

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

Comments

[Signature]
Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU

2-1-17
Date
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE BOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Whereas the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Board of Regents have proposed the implementation of a Code of Conduct that stands to substantially transform faculty work, and was developed independent of established mechanisms of shared governance; and

Whereas the Code threatens the core principles of academic freedom by subjecting teaching and research to politicized criteria that are disconnected from intellectual merit; and

Whereas the Code is inconsistent with the letter and intent of those provisions contained in approved employment contracts that guarantee and specify the nature of due process; and

Whereas the Code undermines our students’ right to learn in the unfettered pursuit of truth; and

Whereas the Code unreasonably expands the Board of Regents’ authority to discipline, dismiss, or terminate students, faculty, and staff for private conduct that falls under the protections of the First Amendment; and

Whereas the Code includes vague and contradictory language that creates unreasonable liabilities for faculty in carrying out our work; and

Whereas conduct expectations exist in a variety of documents and such new Code of Conduct is unnecessary; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate of Southern Connecticut State University strongly objects to the latest document on Code of Conduct and calls upon the Board of Regents to work with system constituents per our common interest in shared governance, to develop an appropriate code of conduct. And further recommends that the proposed Code of Conduct be withdrawn while the constituents review the need for such document.