Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2017-14

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 NEW LANGUAGE FOR THE GRADE REPLACEMENT POLICY

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE on: May 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.

Maria Diamantis, Ed.D., President, Faculty Senate 5/8/17

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:
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Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU 5-15-17
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

RESOLUTION REGARDING NEW LANGUAGE FOR THE
GRADE REPLACEMENT POLICY

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 committed to academic achievement and student success;

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

Whereas the current Grade Replacement policy has proven to be difficult to administer;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Grade Replacement Policy be changed to read:

COURSE GRADE REPLACEMENT

A student may retake a course for a different grade by registering for the course again. Although both grades will appear on the student’s transcript, the higher of the two course grades will be used to calculate the student’s University GPA. If the student receives the same grade in both semesters, the new grade will replace the old grade and the new grade will be used to calculate the current semester’s GPA. The student shall receive credit for the course only once. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their academic advisors before pursuing a replacement grade. Replacement may be pursued only once per course, and only for a total of five courses. The first five courses retaken will be the ones for which the grade will be replaced. If a course taken as a writing intensive "W" course is retaken without a "W" designation, the higher of the two course grades will be used to calculate the student’s University GPA. The original "W" may still be used to fulfill a "W" requirement, as long as the student received a passing grade for the “W” course. Once awarded a degree, a student may not go back and replace individual courses within that degree. Note that some SCSU programs may require that all grades be used to calculate the student’s University GPA. These conditions are indicated in the Undergraduate Catalogue information for such programs.