Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2018-12

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 In Support of the SCSU Reflection Garden

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: April 25, 2018

[ ] 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.

Maria Diamantis, Ed.D., President, Faculty Senate  5/11/18

cc: Robert S. Prezant, 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  5-14-18
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY (SCSU)  
FACULTY SENATE  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SCSU REFLECTION GARDEN  
April 25, 2019

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

Whereas, SCSU promotes academic excellence through innovative teaching and learning experiences; and

Whereas, SCSU is committed to foundational values and principles of social justice; and

Whereas, creating and maintaining a just society require actions that promote dialog and produce equity; and

Whereas, the SCSU Reflection Garden Council (RGC) has been working for two years to create a vision for an expansive reflection garden that will be a physical manifestation of the University’s social justice values; and

Whereas, the RGC has successfully engaged faculty, staff, administrators and students, community partners from surrounding neighborhoods and landscaping experts to create the garden vision; and

Whereas, the Reflection Garden is the first public garden at a university intentionally designed with a social justice theme; and

Whereas, the Reflection Garden that will emerge from the vision and theme will celebrate community-university partnerships through a lens of social justice; and

Whereas, the Reflection Garden vision incorporates President Bertolino’s five core values, namely dignity, respect, civility, kindness and compassion; and

Whereas, the RGC has completed the development of the first phase of the Reflection Garden – an “area of compassion” that shall be known as the Remembrance Garden; and

Whereas, the Remembrance Garden shall be home to the SCSU Alumnae Sandy Hook Memorial, which will honor the four Southern graduates who died at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012; and

Whereas, the Remembrance Garden shall be dedicated on May 4, 2018; and

Whereas, additional garden areas shall be developed to foster illumination and contemplation of social justice issues; and

Whereas, the Reflection Garden is being developed as a place for innovative teaching and scholarship; and

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*Whereas,* the Reflection Garden shall be a bridge to and from our neighboring communities; and

*Whereas,* the Reflection Garden can serve to attract new students and retain enrolled students; now, therefore be it

*Resolved,* That the Faculty Senate endorses the Reflection Garden and its social-justice theme, and encourages its further development; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Faculty Senate commends the Reflection Garden Council and supports its efforts to design and implement the Reflection Garden.