Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2019-06

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 CREATION OF A POLICY FOR THE AWARDING OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN MEMORIAM

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: March 6, 2019

[ 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 03/08/19

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 03-20-19
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CREATION OF A POLICY FOR THE AWARDING
OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES OF ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT IN MEMORIAM

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 primary function of the Faculty Senate is to serve as the agency by which the faculty can actively participate in the governance and policy-making decisions of the University on the basis of the principle of shared authority;

Whereas, The passing of a student is a tragedy for the University community and for the student's family and friends;

Whereas, A Posthumous Degree or a Certification of Academic Achievement In Memoriam provides compassionate recognition for the student's achievement, honors the student's memory, and provides a source of solace for the bereaved family;

Whereas, SCSU does not currently have a policy for the awarding of Posthumous degrees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved That the following Policy on the award of a Posthumous Degrees or a Certificates of Academic Achievement In Memoriam be adopted and implemented upon approval by the University President.
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY POLICY
ON THE AWARD OF POSTHUMOUS DEGREES OR CERTIFICATES OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN MEMORIAM

Undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in degree or certificate programs at the time of their death, who will have completed at least 75% of their degree or certificate program requirements will be eligible to receive their degree or certificate posthumously.

Undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in degree or certificate programs at the time of their death, who will have completed less than 75% of their degree or certificate program requirements will be eligible to receive a Certificate of Academic Achievement in Memoriam.

To receive a Posthumous Degree or a Certificate of Academic Achievement in Memoriam a student must be in good standing at the University at the time of his or her death.

A request for either a Posthumous Degree or a Certificate of Academic Achievement in Memoriam would usually be made by the relevant Department or Program, following consultation with the student's family, and forwarded to the appropriate Dean.

The Department's request would be reviewed by the relevant Dean, in consultation with the University Registrar, and also by the Dean of Graduate Studies if the student is a graduate student. If approved by the appropriate Dean, the request would be forwarded to the Provost.

The Provost will render the final decision of the request in consultation with and approval by the University President, and will have the authority to determine whether the student will be awarded a Posthumous Degree or a Certificate of Academic Achievement in Memoriam.

In the case of a Posthumous Degree the family of the deceased student will have the option of receiving the degree at the commencement ceremony following the student's death or in a private ceremony in the department or program, to be attended by the University President or his or her designated representative.

In the case of a Certificate of Academic Achievement in Memoriam the family of the deceased student will have the option of receiving the Certificate in a private ceremony in the department or program, to be attended by the University President or his or her designated representative.