Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2019-14

To: Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, Southern Connecticut State University
    Maria Diamantis, Ed.D., President, SCSU Faculty Senate

From:    

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate is entitled:
RESOLUTION Regarding the AAUP Travel Funds for 2019-2020 academic year

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: May 8, 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  5/11/19
Date

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:
[ X ] 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  5-14-19
Date
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Resolution on AAUP Travel Funds, 2019-2020

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

Whereas, CSU-AAUP Travel Funds support Faculty attendance at professional seminars, workshops, conferences or educational exchanges (CSU-AAUP Contract Article 9.5);

Whereas, Attendance at and participation in such conferences and academic gatherings enhances the ability of SCSU Faculty to achieve excellence as scholars in their particular disciplines;

Whereas, The Collective Bargaining Agreement (9.5.1) specifies that the President or designee shall consult with the cabinet and the Senate President in assigning travel funds, and each full-time member shall normally not be allowed more than $1,500 reimbursement per contract year toward the cost of fees;

Whereas, The Faculty Senate has voted to set the amount of Travel Funds available per Faculty member at the last Senate meeting of the year for at least the past twenty-nine years, through an annual Faculty Senate Resolution on Travel Funds;

Whereas, The SCSU allocation for maximum funding established by the President was reduced in recent years and was established for 2016-2017 at $1,200, subsequently raised in Spring 2017 by $250 to $1,450, and finally raised to $1,500 for FT and $750 for PT for the 2018-2019 academic year;

Whereas, Increasing the travel cap later in the year is inequitable for members who travel and reconciled earlier in the year;

Whereas, Concerted efforts to inform faculty of available funding to support travel were made the past two years and a large balance in unexpended funds remains;

Whereas, Inflation for travel and conference costs has significantly outpaced inflationary increases in other areas and increased costs have impacted faculty opportunities to participate in international and national conferences and educational exchanges; and

Whereas, The Faculty Senate is acting to fulfill its responsibility in conferring with the President in establishing a maximum annual SCSU funding limit on AAUP travel funds for the academic year 2019-2020; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate recommends that the travel funds for academic year 2019-2020 be set as follows:

$ 1,500.00 for full time faculty
$  750.00 for part time faculty