Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2018-13

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 CBA TRAVEL FUNDS, 2018-2019
This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: May 2, 2018

[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
5/14/18

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:
[ ] Resolution APPROVED
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Comments

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

Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU
5-14-18
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 thirty years, through an annual Faculty Senate Resolution on Travel Funds;

Whereas, The SCSU allocation for maximum funding established by the President has been set at $1,500 during the 2017-2018 academic 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 2018-2019 academic year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate recommends that the travel funds for 2018-2019 academic year be set as follows:

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