Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2018-17

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 CCSU Child Care

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: May 2, 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

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
[ ] Resolution DISAPPROVED (Provide comments below or attach statement)
Comments

Resolution for Information:
[ ] Resolution NOTED (applies to Informational Resolutions only)
Comments: I hope that we will be able to implement at some point.

Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU

Date 5/14/18
WHEREAS, not a single campus in the CSCU system provides comprehensive child care, serving children from 6 weeks to 12 years;

WHEREAS, the population of older and returning students is anticipated to increase across the nation and many of those students need affordable, accessible, high-quality child care to attend class, complete course work outside of class, and participate in campus life;

WHEREAS, 26 percent of college students in the United States are raising children while attending college, and just under half of those students are enrolled in community colleges;

WHEREAS, gender pay inequalities in the U.S. persist in part because mothers are more likely than fathers to engage in part-time school or work, to not seek or to delay promotions, or to leave educational or work places altogether as a result of their caregiving responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the CSCU system may not be able to compete with more highly-resourced universities and colleges in regards to offering competitive salaries to recruit high quality staff, faculty and administrators; the system can work to create a family-friendly climate where faculty, staff, and administrators of all genders feel supported in regards to their work, life, and family commitments;

WHEREAS, lab schools providing comprehensive child care and early childhood education can simultaneously provide 1) important caregiving resources to families and 2) serve as academic resources providing key learning, internship and research opportunities for students and faculty;

BE IT RESOLVED that the 17 campuses of the CSCU System provide affordable, accessible, high quality comprehensive child care (serving children from 6 weeks to 12 years) and on-campus drop-off child care facilities that will serve the CSCU system's faculty, staff, and students.

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