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FACULTY SENATE

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- I. Announcements Relevant to the Faculty Senate
- II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on February 3, 2020
- III. Faculty Senate President's Report
- IV. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees
 - a. Academic Policy
 - b. Elections
 - c. Finance
 - d. Personnel Policy
 - e. Rules
 - f. Student Policy
 - g. Technology
- V. Reports of Faculty Senate Special Committees
 - a. UCF
 - b. Graduate Council
- VI. New Business
 - a. Revisions to the Constitution of the University Library Committee (C. Michalski)
 - b. Resolution Regarding Academic Standing Policy Revision (K. Marsland)
 - c. Resolution Regarding Dean's List Policy Revision (K. Marsland)
 - d. Resolution Regarding The Composition And Term Length Of The Termination Hearing Committee (C. Simoneau)
 - e. Resolution Regarding The Size, Composition, And Term Length Of The Faculty Scholar Award Committee (C. Simoneau)
 - f. Resolution Regarding The Size Of The University Library Committee (C. Simoneau)
 - g. Resolution Regarding The Term Length Of The Mediation Committee (C. Simoneau)
- VII. Guest(s)

Spring 2021 meetings: February 3, February 17, March 3, March 17, March 31, April 14, April 28, May 5.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021

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The 9th Meeting of the Faculty Senate AY 2020-2021 was held on February 3, 2021, at 12:10 p.m. via WebEx.

Attendance

Dave Allen <i>Accounting</i> 9/9	Matthew Ouimet <i>Counseling</i> 9/9	Sandip Dutta <i>Finance</i> 6/9	Atul Kulkarni <i>Marketing</i> 9/9	Rex Gilliland <i>Philosophy</i> 9/9	Angela Lopez-Velasquez <i>Special Education</i> 6/9
William Farley <i>Anthropology</i> 9/9	Natalie Starling <i>Counseling & School Psychology</i> 9/9	Lawrence Brancazio <i>Health & Movement Sciences</i> 9/9	Joe Fields <i>Mathematics</i> 9/9	Binlin Wu <i>Physics</i> 9/9	Douglas Macur <i>Theatre</i> 9/9
Jeff Slomba <i>Art</i> 9/9	Beena Achhpal <i>Curriculum & Learning</i> 9/9	Robert Gregory <i>Health & Movement Sciences</i> 9/9	Klay Kruczek <i>Mathematics</i> 9/9	VACANT <i>Political Science</i>	Luke Eilderts <i>World Languages & Literatures</i> 9/9
Kevin Siedlecki <i>Athletics</i> 9/9	Maria Diamantis <i>Curriculum & Learning</i> 9/9	Troy Paddock <i>History</i> 8/9	Jonathan Irving <i>Music</i> 9/9	Michael Nizhnikov <i>Psychology</i> 7/9	
Sean Grace <i>Biology</i> 9/9	Dushmantha Jayawickreme <i>Earth Science</i> 9/9	Darcy Kern* <i>History</i> 6/9	Frances Penny <i>Nursing</i> 5/9	Kate Marsland <i>Psychology</i> 9/9	Deborah Weiss <i>Faculty Senate President</i> 9/9
Mina Park <i>Business Information Systems</i> 9/9	Sanja Grubacic <i>Economics</i> 9/9	Yan Liu <i>Information & Library Science</i> 7/9	Kelly Martinez* <i>Nursing</i> 4/9	William Faraclas <i>Public Health</i> 9/9	Cindy Simoneau <i>Undergraduate Curriculum Forum</i> 9/9
Jeff Webb <i>Chemistry</i> 9/9	Peter Madonia <i>Educational Leadership</i> 7/9	Cindy Simoneau <i>Journalism</i> 9/9	Obiageli Okwuka <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 9/9	Michael Dodge <i>Recreation, Tourism & Sport Management</i> 9/9	Meredith Sinclair <i>Undergraduate Curriculum Forum</i> 9/9
Barbara Cook <i>Communication Disorders</i> 9/9	Mike Shea <i>English</i> 9/9	Patrick Crowley <i>Library Services</i> 8/9	Mary Ellen Minichiello <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 6/9	Sebatian Perumbilly <i>Social Work</i> 9/9	Cynthia O'Sullivan <i>Graduate Council</i> 9/9
Derek Taylor <i>Communication, Media & Screen Studies</i> 9/9	Paul Petrie <i>English</i> 9/9	Jacqueline Toce <i>Library Services</i> 9/9	Stephanie Fischer <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 5/5	Stephen Monroe Tomczak <i>Social Work</i> 9/9	Aidan Coleman <i>Student Government Association</i> 9/9
Alaa Sheta <i>Computer Science</i> 9/9	Matthew Miller <i>Environment, Geography & Marine Studies</i> 9/9	Carol Stewart <i>Management, International Business & Public Utilities</i> 8/9	Virginia Metaxas <i>Part-time Faculty</i> 4/5	Adam Pittman <i>Sociology</i> 7/9	Dr. Joe Bertolino <i>SCSU President</i> 6/9
Guests:	R. Prezant C. Hlavac J. H. Kim	S. Bulmer M. Vancour T. Bennett	T. Broliar T. Millburn H. Marx	J. Tetrault Z. Seyal	

*An asterisk denotes an absence. Overall attendance recorded below each member.

Faculty Senate President D. Weiss called the 9th meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 12:10 p.m.

- I. Announcements
 - A. A. Coleman: Stepping down from his position as Student Government Representative to the Faculty Senate. Zainab Seyal will replace him.
 - i. The Faculty Senate, and especially K. Marsland, chair of Student Policy, thank A. Coleman for his service.
- II. Minutes of the previous meeting held on December 2, 2020 were accepted as distributed.
<https://inside.southernct.edu/faculty-senate/meetings>
- III. President's Report
<https://inside.southernct.edu/faculty-senate/meetings>
- IV. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees
 - A. Minutes of the standing committees received.
 - i. Academic Policy (P. Petrie): Working on P&T reform project.
 - ii. Elections (C. Simoneau): Working on contacting all University-wide committees for potential revisions to their make-up; looking at the elections process; working on Free Speech Resolution.
 - iii. Finance (W. Faraclas): Meeting for the first time next week; looking into department operating expense funds for departments to better understand how they're distributed and how they are used.
 - iv. Personnel (N. Starling): Continuing edits to the P&T and renewal documents, adding clarifying language where needed; planning to work with the Rules committee since they are also working on similar issues.
 - v. Rules (R. Gregory): Working on the sabbatical leave document.
 - vi. Student Policy (K. Marsland): Academic Misconduct document has been sent out for review; looking into how the P/F and Withdrawal policies worked in the Fall 2020 semester; discussing recommendations for the Spring 2021 semester and plan to bring forward a resolution for withdrawal and incompletes that would be parallel to the ones from the Fall, for which SPC is seeking department input from Senators; looking at the reacceptance policy; looking into the Dean's List policies to consider part-time students; looking at the Academic Standing policy for post-bac students; looking into access to feminine hygiene products on campus.
 - vii. Technology (J. Fields): Working on the Student Opinion Survey.
- V. Reports of Faculty Senate Special Committees
 - A. Graduate Council (C. O'Sullivan): First meeting will be in the fourth week of February. School of Graduate and Professional Studies strategic planning committee survey is almost ready to launch. Please fill it out when it is received.
 - B. UCF (M. Sinclair): The "W" pilot program was made permanent; approved a pilot program where courses could be offered as a special topics course and satisfy LEP requirements.

VI. Guests

- A. J. Bertolino, President of the Southern Connecticut State University: Welcomed everyone back to the Spring semester. Offered updates on the state of the university, which included: Fall semester went well considering the all the challenges we faced; enrollment down by 10% this semester, 8% overall; with monies from the Federal Government, the university's deficit has shrunk to less than \$5 million; experiencing better enrollment than our sister institutions, but occupancy in our residence halls is troubling; plan to have several town halls/symposia on what university should look like in a post-pandemic world; asks everyone to be kind to one another in these extraordinary times.
- B. R. Prezant, Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs: Welcomed everyone back to the Spring 2021 semester; provided updates on the state of the university, which included: course delivery methods for Spring 2021 mirror Fall 2020 semester; graduate enrollment is up 7%; 10 full-time faculty searches are moving forward; search for School of Business Dean moving forward; compiling citations from creative activity since 1950; several new programs have moved forward or are in the pipeline; concept papers for new programs are no longer required; Early College program is running 17 courses, with 200-300 high school students taking Southern courses; Since July 1, 70 grant proposals have been submitted with a success rate of 41%; would like to have a conversation about earned credit and how we translate prior learning to academic credit; would like to see a discussion about stacking programs, 2+2 with Housatonic and Gateway; would like to work more purposefully and collectively with New Haven.
- C. H. Marx (Advising): provided many updates for the new and continuing advising models across campus. Shared several websites to help faculty navigate what is available to them and to help students.
 - i. <https://inside.southernct.edu/advising>
 - ii. <https://inside.southernct.edu/academic-standing/academic-improvement>
 - iii. <https://inside.southernct.edu/navigate>
 - iv. <https://inside.southernct.edu/onestop>
 - v. <https://inside.southernct.edu/navigate/alert>

VII. Adjournment

- A. M. Diamantis **moved to adjourn**. Seconded.
 - i. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

L. Eilderts
Secretary

STANDING COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE (APC)

APC MINUTES—FEB 10, 2021

Present: Crowley, Gilliland, Grace, Jayawickreme, Kulkarni, Perumbilly, Petrie (chair)

- Discussed prospective proposal from Student Policy Committee to extend course availability period in Blackboard to accommodate students seeking to access their work after the end of the semester (for grade appeals, course incompletes, etc.).
 - Possible unintended consequences:
 - Open courses from old semester show on student BB dashboards in new semester and may cause confusion;
 - Extending BB availability might open the door to late work submissions, additional grade appeals, complaints, etc.;
 - Extending BB availability would not address problem of student work submitted via license-based platforms with expiration dates (e.g. those used for online labs);
 - Doesn't solve the problem for courses taught in past semesters by adjuncts no longer present in current semester
 - Questions:
 - Is it possible for a course to be opened in BB for just one student, rather than for the entire class?
 - Larger issue: How can we provide students with access to their own submitted course work in an online course environment, for whatever purpose, and for longer periods of time?
- Continued work on presentation plan for P&T focus group report and recommendations.
 - Petrie will ask Exec Comm for clarification of committee's charge: to report on focus groups, or to report and make recommendations?
 - Committee charged with pondering additional recommendations to those in current draft.
 - Committee charged with double checking draft summary of focus group results against focus group notes and recollections.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (EC)

Minutes Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021

Present: Mina Park; Frances Penny; Cindy Simoneau, chairperson.

Absent: Klay Kruczek, Darcy Kern

1. Announcements
2. Old Business
 - A. Continuing discussion on request for university resolution on free speech
 - B. Continuing discussion on university-wide elections and filling school-specific vacancies
3. New Business

Elections Committee reviewed recommended resolutions submitted by member Klay Kruczek after consulting with university-wide committee chairpersons.

 - A. Approval of resolution on:
SIZE, COMPOSITION, AND TERM LENGTH OF FACULTY
SCHOLAR AWARD COMMITTEE
(See attached)
Increases term length from 2 to 3 years. Elections Committee shall develop mechanism, for dealing with expiring terms that arise.
Approved unanimously by Elections Committee
 - B. Approval of resolution on:
COMPOSITION AND TERM LENGTH OF THE TERMINATION HEARING
COMMITTEE
(See attached)
Increases term length from 2 to 3 years, and one member be from each school/college and one at-large.
Approved unanimously by Elections Committee
 - C. Approval of resolution on:
TERM LENGTH OF THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE
(See attached)
Increase term length from 2 to 3 years. Elections Committee shall develop mechanism, for dealing with expiring terms that arise.
Approved unanimously by Elections Committee

D. Approval of resolution on:

SIZE OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

(See attached)

Membership changes to 6 faculty-elected delegates: 3 from Arts & Sciences, 1 each from the three remaining schools/colleges. And, Elections Committee shall develop mechanism, for dealing with expiring terms that arise. These correspond to changes to its revised Bylaws.

Approved unanimously by Elections Committee

4. Adjourn at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Simoneau

FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC)

Minutes of the February 10, 2021

Present: Dr. William Faraclas, Dr. Obiageli Okwuka, Dr. Sanja Grubacic

1. Minutes from 11-7-20 were approved.
2. Update on University Budget and Planning Committee (has not met since before holidays)
3. The FCARG proposal form already includes a Spending Account Budget, so the committee has taken the task of creating a worksheet off the table.
4. The committee is exploring Departmental OE budgets to understand how of allocations are determined and distributed, and to assess department faculty participation is presenting budget requests and setting spending plans. Of interest:
 - a. Do departments receive an equitable OE?
 - b. Are department members involved in creating budget requests?.
 - c. Do department members determine the use of allocated funds.
5. The Finance Committee would reach out to the Technology Committee for collaboration in addressing the Technology report from Mr. Rusty May Jr.

Next Week Agenda, February 24th

1. Address TA problems faced by the faculty, and bring it to the Dr. Debbie Weiss' attendance
2. Research on grants received from Faculty Development.

Travel Fund Workbook for Reports

Date: 2-13-21

Full Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining
FT Rollover	\$192,472.58	\$4,368.99	\$11,666.70	\$176,436.89
FT New	\$298,700.00	\$2,129.26	\$2,109.79	\$294,460.95
Combined Total	\$491,172.58	\$6,498.25	\$13,776.49	\$470,897.84

Part Time	Beginning	Spent	Encumbered	Remaining
PT Rollover	\$6,247.79	\$0.00	\$534.02	\$5,713.77
PT New	\$33,189.00	\$840.00	\$768.57	\$31,580.43
Combined Total	\$39,436.79	\$840.00	\$1,302.59	\$37,294.20

PERSONNEL POLICY COMMITTEE (PPC)

Minutes
February 10, 2021

Teams Meeting

Members: Toce, Jacqueline; Slomba, Jeffrey; Lopez-Velasquez, Angela; Tomczak, Stephen; Shea, Michael; Kelly Martinez (absent); Metaxas, Virginia; Pittman, Adam; Starling, Natalie (chair)

12:10

Approval of Minutes: PPC approved minutes from 1/27/2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEW BUSINESS:

The PPC reviewed the minutes from the Rules Committee from 9/11/2020, 9/23/2020, & 11/18/2020 and made notes about what additional edits to the P & T, R documents are needed in light of the Rules Committee's suggestions/recommendations.

Those suggestions from the Rules Committee which raised important questions were noted for discussion at the planned joint meeting.

Given the nature and complexity of the topic of advising and discussion about its inclusion in the P & T, R procedures, the PPC decided to request that Senators engage in discussion with their departments about this topic. Following discussion within departments, the PPC would like feedback via a survey. The PPC created a set of survey questions.

The PPC did not yet review notes from the Rules Committee from 10/7/2020 & 10/21/2020.

A subgroup will meet to include the additional edits from today and will proofread edits to the P&T, Renewal Procedures documents and compare documents for consistency before 2/24/2021.

The PPC is scheduled for a joint meeting with the Rules Committee on 2/24/2021.

Meeting adjourned 2:16pm

RULES COMMITTEE (RC)

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Time: 12:10 PM

Attendees: Barb Cook, Maria Diamantis, Robert Gregory (chair), Matt Miller, & Troy Paddock
Guests: Klay Kruczek (University Sabbatical Leave Committee)

Agenda items:

1. Discussion of potential revisions to the Sabbatical Leave document.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Robert Gregory, SCSU Faculty Senate Rules Committee Chair

STUDENT POLICY COMMITTEE (SPC)

February 10, 2021

Minutes

Present: B. Achhpal, M. Dodge, B. Farley, K. Marsland, M.E. Minichiello, M. Nizhnikov, M. Ouimet, Z. Seyal

Guests: Deborah Weiss, Harry Twyman

12:15 Meeting called to order via Webex

1. Discussion and approval of revisions to the Academic Standing Policy to clarify that students may appeal a dismissal more than once but may not appeal again after a dismissal appeal has been granted.
2. Discussion and approval of revisions to Academic Standing policy concerning post-baccalaureate students stipulating that their academic standing be based on program GPA rather than cumulative GPA
3. Discussion and approval of revision to Dean's List eligibility to include part-time students who have accumulated 12 credits of letter graded course work during the Fall or Spring semesters and have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.
4. Discussion of Withdrawal, Incomplete and Pass/Fail policies for Spring 2021: Alicia Carrol is compiling data to inform these discussions and will join our next meeting on February 24th.
5. Discussion of concerns around students' access to Blackboard and other online course materials/resources during the Incomplete and Grade Appeal period at the start of each new semester. The committee will invite Karen Musmano to meet with use in March.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00

Respectfully submitted by K. Marsland

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (TC)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM FORUM (UCF)

Report to the Faculty Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Forum February 4, 2021 Meeting Actions

The following motions were approved:

- a. Motion from UWIC to amend catalog description of “minor” to the following:
The "Minor" is a planned sequence, a minimum of 18 credits, typically earned in addition to one's major requirements, with options available under departmental or minor program advisement. ~~Courses in a cognate or courses used to satisfy the Liberal Education Program may be used as courses in a minor.~~ Courses in a minor may be used to fulfill requirements for a cognate and/or the Liberal Education Program. Courses for the minor may overlap with a major or another minor requirement; however, there must be at least 15 credits which are unique to the minor and do not overlap with the requirements for the major or another minor. To ensure that at least 15 credits are unique to the minor, a student must take an additional course(s) to satisfy the requirement in the major or minor with the permission of the Chairperson.
- b. Motion from WACC to approve a form for W Course Exigency approvals
- c. Motion from StAR to approve conditional approval of the PSY self-study

The following new program was approved:

Interdisciplinary Minor in Music, Technology, and Media

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Sinclair (UCF Chair, Sp. 2021)
Cindy Simoneau (UCF Secretary, Sp. 2021)
Feb. 15, 2021

GRADUATE COUNCIL

DOCUMENTS/RESOLUTIONS FOR REVIEW FOR THE FEBRUARY 17, 2020 MEETING

Revisions to the Constitution of the University Library Committee Current Version

University Library Committee Constitution

Article I: Purview

The University Library Committee (U.L.C.) is an autonomous standing committee of the Faculty Senate.

It is charged with acting in an advisory role to the Provost in order to provide the best library services to the Southern community.

Article II: Functions/Mission

- A. Foster Communication. Advise the Provost with regard to present and future needs of library users, the library's policies and resources, and the prevailing patterns of library utilization.
- B. Be Cognizant of Standards and Benchmarks. Remain current about academic library practices throughout the nation to ascertain appropriate standards and benchmarks for library services, collection development, resources, and facilities at Southern Connecticut State University.
- C. Report on Policies and Practices. In consultation with the Faculty Senate, report regularly to the Provost regarding U.L.C. recommendations which may include (but not necessarily be limited to) the following: the effectiveness of library services and practices, the sufficiency and accessibility of the library and its resources.

Article III: Membership, Elections, & Appointments

- A. The U.L.C. will have members drawn according to the following constituencies:

1. Library Services Faculty

There shall be 3 members from this group who shall be elected by members of the group.

2. Faculty (non Library Services)

There shall be 11 members from this group 7 of whom shall be elected from faculty members of their academic schools as listed below. (See III E). The Graduate Council, Undergraduate Curriculum Forum, and Faculty Senate may elect or appoint their representatives as they so desire. However, regarding electees from the schools, no more than 1 committee member may come from a given department. The members shall be from the following areas:

- 3 from the School of Arts & Sciences
- 1 from the School of Business
- 1 from the School of Communication Information & Library Science
- 1 from the School of Education
- 1 from the School of Health and Human Services
- 1 from the Graduate Council
- 1 from the Undergraduate Curriculum Forum
- 2 from the Faculty Senate

3. Administration

There shall be 2 members from this group.

The Provost shall appoint 1 member to the committee.

The Library Director shall be an administrative appointee.

4. Students

There shall be 2 members from this group.

They shall be from the following areas:

1 Undergraduate student to be elected or appointed by the Student Government Association.

1 Graduate student to be elected or appointed by the Graduate Student Affairs Committee.

B. Meetings:

The committee shall meet a least twice in the fall semester and at least twice in the spring semester.

C. Terms of Office:

All Faculty, including Library Services Faculty, shall have renewable 3 year terms of office except during the period of transition to the new ULC. See below.

Student terms of office shall be determined by the electing/appointment body.

Administrative terms of office, which include the Library Director, shall be determined by the Provost or his/her appointee.

All terms of office shall commence at the start of the academic year.

D. Transition Period:

Assuming enough current University Library Committee (ULC) members wish to remain on committee, the newly elected or appointed members shall be phased in over a 3 year period to assure continuity. Approximately 1/3 of the ULC membership shall be newly elected or appointed each year (See rules in III A.). If a sufficient number of current members do not wish to remain in office, there shall be the appropriate number of elections or appointments to ensure full committee membership as outlined in section III A. Current ULC members may run for office or be appointed according to the rules in III A.

Terms of office for members elected or appointed in the transition period shall be 1, 2, or 3 years so that approximately an equal number of terms expires in any given year.

H. Elections:

Except for representatives from the Graduate Council, the Undergraduate Curriculum Forum and student appointees, elections of faculty shall be administered by the Faculty Senate Elections Committee.

F. Election Vacancies:

Any faculty vacancies due to lack of candidates or other reasons shall be filled with appointments made by the Faculty Senate.

Article IV: Officers

The committee shall elect a chair from among any faculty unit other than the Library.

The chair's term of office shall be 1 year. The term limit shall be 3 years.

The chair or his/her designee shall report regularly at Faculty Senate meetings.

Article V: Voting

The chair votes only in case his/her vote makes or breaks a tie. All other committee members have a vote.

Article VI: Flow of Communication

- A. All incoming issues and inquiries shall be directed to the chair of the ULC for appropriate action.
- B. The minutes of all meetings shall be sent simultaneously to all ULC-members, the President of the Faculty Senate, The Provost and the Library Faculty.
- C. Minutes of the ULC shall be posted to the University Community by way of the Faculty Senate minutes.

Article VII: Amendments

- A. Amendments to this document may be proposed to the Faculty Senate by the ULC.
- B. The Faculty Senate may propose amendments to this document.
- C. An amendment will be incorporated into this document if at least 2/3 of the senators present at a regular Senate meeting vote in favor of the amendment.

Proposed Revised Version

University Library Committee Constitution ULC Revision Approved November 9, 2020 Senate Approval _____

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B. The minutes of all meetings shall be sent simultaneously to all ULC members, the President of the Faculty Senate, The Provost and the Library Faculty.

C. Minutes of the ULC shall be posted to the University Community by way of the Faculty Senate minutes.

Article VII: Amendments

A. Amendments to this document may be proposed to the Faculty Senate by the ULC.

B. The Faculty Senate may propose amendments to this document.

C. An amendment will be incorporated into this document if at least 2/3 of the senators present at a regular Senate meeting vote in favor of the amendment.

Resolution Regarding Dean's List Policy Revision

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION Regarding Dean's List Policy Revision

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

Whereas, The SCSU Faculty Senate is the official representative body of the Academic Faculty; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Dean's List Policy be revised as follows:

Students are recognized for their high academic achievement by being placed on the dean's list of their respective schools. In order for undergraduate students to qualify for the dean's list, students must complete 12.0 or more credits in Fall or Spring and earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or better.

Recognition is given at the end of each semester to part-time students who have accumulated 12 credits of letter graded course work during the Fall or Spring semesters and have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. All grading rules that apply to full-time Dean's list apply to part-time Dean's List recipients.

These requirements apply to all undergraduate students, regardless of their academic class (i.e., freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior).

For the spring 2020 semester: To be eligible for Dean's List, students must earn 12 credits, excluding courses taken under the pass-fail option.

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Resolution Regarding Academic Standing Policy Revision

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION Regarding Academic Standing Policy Revision

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

Whereas, The SCSU Faculty Senate is the official representative body of the Academic Faculty; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Academic Standing Policy be revised as follows:

All students shall demonstrate an ability to do college-level work. The University requires that undergraduate students maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 to be eligible for a bachelor's degree. Any student with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 shall be considered in Good Standing by the University (some programs may also have higher GPA requirements to remain enrolled in that particular field of study). This policy addresses students who have not met the minimum University requirement and Students who fall below the required 2.0 shall face be subject to academic discipline. For students enrolled in a post-baccalaureate program (a second undergraduate program following completion of a bachelor's degree), the program GPA, rather than the cumulative GPA, shall be evaluated for compliance as outlined below. The three categories of academic discipline are: Academic Warning, Academic Probation, and Academic Dismissal.

Academic Warning

Students shall be placed on Academic Warning the first fall or spring semester in which their cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. Students on Academic Warning shall be allowed to register for a maximum of 15 credits and must register for classes prior to the first day of the semester.

Academic Probation

Students who are on Academic Warning and fail to raise their cumulative GPA to the minimum 2.0 in the following fall or spring semester shall be placed on Academic Probation. Students on probation shall be allowed to register for a maximum of 14 credits and must register prior to the first day of the semester. Students on Academic Probation shall be allowed to continue at the University but shall remain on probation provided their semester GPA is at least 2.3. Once the cumulative GPA reaches 2.0, the student shall be removed from Academic Probation and shall be returned to Good Standing. Students shall have three (3) semesters to raise their cumulative GPA to 2.0. If the cumulative GPA is below 2.0 after the third semester of probation, the student shall be academically dismissed.

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Academic Dismissal

Students on Academic Probation shall be Academically Dismissed at the end of the fall or spring semester if (1) their semester GPA is below a 2.3 and cumulative GPA is below a 2.0, or (2) their cumulative GPA remains below 2.0 after the third semester of probation. Students who are academically dismissed from Southern Connecticut State University are no longer matriculated at the University, and they may only register for courses on a part-time basis as non-matriculated students.

Dismissed students can appeal for reinstatement to regain matriculation status and may do so during or subsequent to the semester in which they are non-matriculated. All appeals shall be made to the Academic Standing Committee. Once a student's dismissal appeal has been granted, they will not be eligible to appeal dismissal for a second time.

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**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY
SENATE**

Resolution Regarding The Composition And Term Length Of The Termination
Hearing Committee

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 within the context of shared governance faculty participation furthers such excellence;

Whereas the Faculty Senate is charged with maintaining and filling All-University committees;

Whereas membership of All-University committees shall have faculty representation from each college/school;

Whereas the Faculty Senate strives to maintain efficient All-University committees;

Whereas an approach to such efficiency includes increasing the term length; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members shall consist of one (1) member from each college/school and one (1) at-large member; be it further

Resolved, That the term length shall increase from two (2) years to three (3) years; be it further

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate Election Committee shall develop a mechanism for dealing with expiring terms on the committee that arise. Affected SCSU documents shall be revised to conform to the new committee structure.

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY
SENATE**

Resolution Regarding The Size, Composition, And Term Length Of The Faculty
Scholar Award Committee

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 within the context of shared governance faculty participation furthers such excellence;

Whereas the Faculty Senate is charged with maintaining and filling All-University committees;

Whereas the Faculty Senate strives to maintain efficient All-University committees;

Whereas an approach to such efficiency includes increasing the term length; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the term length of the members of the Faculty Scholar Award Committee shall increase from two (2) years to three (3) years; be it further

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate Election Committee shall develop a mechanism for dealing with expiring terms on the committee that arise. Affected SCSU documents shall be revised to conform to the new committee structure.

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY
SENATE**

Resolution Regarding The Size Of The University Library Committee

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 within the context of shared governance faculty participation furthers such excellence;

Whereas the Faculty Senate is charged with maintaining and filling All-University committees;

Whereas the Faculty Senate strives to maintain efficient All-University committees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the University Library Committee's membership reflect what is stated in their Constitution and Bylaws, which means six (6) elected faculty delegates, three (3) from Arts & Sciences and one (1) from each of the other schools/colleges; instead of seven (7) elected faculty delegates, three (3) from Arts & Sciences, one (1) from each of the other schools/colleges, and 1 member at large; be it further

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate Election Committee shall develop a mechanism for dealing with expiring terms on the committee that arise. Affected SCSU documents shall be revised to conform to the new committee structure.

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY
SENATE**

Resolution Regarding The Term Length Of The Mediation Committee

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 within the context of shared governance faculty participation furthers such excellence;

Whereas the Faculty Senate is charged with maintaining and filling All-University committees;

Whereas membership of All-University committees shall have faculty representation from each college/school;

Whereas the Faculty Senate strives to maintain efficient All-University committees;

Whereas an approach to such efficiency includes increasing the term length; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the term length shall increase from two (2) years to three (3) years; be it further

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate Election Committee shall develop a mechanism for dealing with expiring terms on the committee that arise. Affected SCSU documents shall be revised to conform to the new committee structure.