

Faculty Senate Resolution Number _____

To: Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, Southern Connecticut State University
From: Natalie Starling, Ph.D., President, SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate is entitled:

RESOLUTION Regarding _____

This Resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: _____

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.

Natalie Starling, Ph.D., President, Faculty Senate Date

cc: Robert S. Prezant, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

ACTION OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Resolution for Approval:

Resolution APPROVED

Resolution DISAPPROVED (Provide comments below or attach statement)

Resolution for Information:

Resolution NOTED (applies to Informational Resolutions only)

Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU

Date

Southern Connecticut State University Faculty Senate

Resolution Regarding Revisions to the Pass/Fail Graduate and Undergraduate Policies

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, Revising the Pass-Fail policy will provide students with increased clarity; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the existing Pass-Fail Policy for Undergraduate and Graduate students be revised according to the changes indicated below in red font color and strike-out:

Undergraduate Pass-Fail Policy:

~~With the endorsement of their advisor (if the advisor is the instructor for the course, please see the Department Chairperson instead),~~ **With required consultation of an advisor, department chair, or an Academic Advising Specialist in Academic Advising** matriculated students who have completed at least 45 credits are eligible to register for certain courses on a Pass-Fail basis. The Pass-Fail option is blind in that the instructor is not aware of the student's use of the Pass-Fail option until after the grades are submitted. The Pass-Fail option may only be used for a free elective or cognate course that is not applied or shared with the general education (LEP), major, or minor requirements. Students may take a total of five courses on a Pass-Fail option, with only one taken in any given semester.

The final grade will be reported as "S" if the final grade earned is "D-" or higher. This grade has no effect on the GPA, but does count as attempted credit. If the final grade earned is not passing, the final grade will be reported as "F". This grade will impact the GPA and does count as attempted credit.

Courses taken for Pass-Fail might not be accepted for transfer credit when attending another institution; are excluded from GPA calculations which may impact a student's ability to meet certain GPA requirements needed for their major, graduation, or honors; and may not be satisfactory in meeting prerequisite requirements when applying to graduate programs. **Consulting an advisor, as documented with the Pass-Fail Form, serves as evidence that the student is aware of the potential impact of their decision.**

Once a student selects the Pass-Fail option it will not be possible to revert to a graded option following the add/drop period for the course. The Pass-Fail contract must be endorsed by their advisor prior to the start of the 4th week of the fall or spring semester, or prior to the start of the 2nd week for courses in a shorter term.

Graduate policy Pass-Fail Policy:

~~With the endorsement of their graduate program advisor,~~ **With required consultation of their graduate program advisor (if the advisor is the instructor for the course, consultation with program coordinator, chairperson, or Dean)** matriculated students who have completed at least 9 credits of graduate work with a "B" (3.0) or higher average are eligible to register for certain courses on a Pass-Fail basis.

The Pass-Fail option is blind in that the instructor is not aware of the student's use of the Pass-Fail option until after the grades are submitted.

The final grade will be reported as "S" if the final grade earned is "C" or higher. This grade has no effect on the GPA, but does count as attempted credit. If the final grade earned is "C-" or below, the final grade will be reported as "F". This grade will impact the GPA and does count as attempted credit.

Required courses may not be taken under the Pass-Fail option and no more than one elective course in any program may be taken under the Pass-Fail option. Undergraduate courses listed in any program that students are required to take to strengthen their academic backgrounds may not be taken under the Pass-Fail option. There is no limit on the number of courses, which are not a part of the program that may be taken under the Pass-Fail option.

Courses taken for Pass-Fail might not be accepted for transfer credit when attending another institution; are excluded from GPA calculations which may impact a student's ability to meet certain GPA requirements needed for their program or graduation; and may not be satisfactory in meeting prerequisite requirements when applying to other graduate programs. **Consulting an advisor, as documented with the Pass-Fail Form, serves as evidence that the student is aware of the potential impact of their decision.**

Once a student selects the Pass-Fail option it will not be possible to revert to a graded option following the add/drop period for the course. The Pass-Fail contract must be endorsed by their advisor prior to the start of the 4th week of the fall or spring semester, or prior to the start of the 2nd week for courses in a shorter term.