

Faculty Senate Resolution Number F-2024-02

TO: Dwayne Smith, Ph.D., Interim 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 Amendment of the Senate Bylaws Governing Vacant Senate Seats

This resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: October 16, 2024

XX 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) 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

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

10/21/2024

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)

Dwayne Smith

Dwayne Smith (Oct 21, 2024 16:29 EDT)

Dwayne Smith, Ph.D., Interim President, SCSU

10/21/2024

Date



FACULTY SENATE

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- Whereas, Southern Connecticut State University exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence;
- Whereas, The SCSU Faculty Senate is the official representative body of the Academic Faculty; and
- Whereas, The Faculty Senate is responsible for making changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws document; and
- Whereas, The Bylaws currently require replacement of a temporarily absent senator by an elected substitute who serves the remainder of the absent senator's term; and
- Whereas, Temporary instead of permanent replacement of an absent senator during a vacancy would be less disruptive for departments, more respectful of the temporarily absent senator, less burdensome for the substitute senator, and more respectful of the department's wishes; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved,* That the following revision to the Faculty Senate Bylaws take effect upon ratification of this resolution.

Amend article II.E. as follows:

E. Vacancies

1. ~~Permanent~~ ~~V~~vacancies arising during the term of office of a Senator shall be filled by elections of the voting unit involved, by the above-mentioned procedure (Section II, Parts B or C) at the time such vacancies occur. The term of a Senator elected to fill a ~~premature~~ **permanent** vacancy shall be for the remainder of the vacated term, unless the vacancy occurs with one semester or less remaining; in that case, the term of the newly elected Senator shall be the remainder of the semester plus a regular three-year term.
2. **Temporary vacancies arising during the term of office of a Senator shall be filled by elections of the voting unit involved, by the above-mentioned procedure (Section II, Parts B or C) at the time such vacancies occur. The term of a Senator elected to fill a ~~premature~~ temporary vacancy shall be for the duration of the vacancy, at which time the returning Senator shall complete the original term of office.**