

Faculty Senate Resolution Number _____

To: Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, Southern Connecticut State University
From: Deborah Weiss, 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.

Deborah Weiss, 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 CBA Travel Funds for Part-Time Faculty 2021-2022

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, The CSU-AAUP CBA Travel Fund [“Travel Fund”] supports Faculty attendance at professional seminars, workshops, conferences or educational exchanges (CSU-AAUP Contract Article 9.5.1);

Whereas, Participation in such conferences and academic gatherings enhances the ability of SCSU Faculty members 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 part-time member is not allowed more than \$750 from the Travel Fund;

Whereas, Reduced frequency of travel during the coronavirus pandemic has resulted in a significant amount of residual monies in the Travel Fund at the end of 2020-2021;

Whereas, Residual monies will remain in the Travel Fund for part-time faculty and be added to the 2021-2022 CBA-determined Travel Fund allocation, leading to an unusually large pool of funds for travel;

Whereas, CBA 9.5.1 enabled full-time faculty to exceed their \$1500 limit for the 2021-22 academic year; however, precluded part-time faculty from exceeding their \$750 limit, resulting in an inequity;

Whereas, The Faculty Senate and the Provost have identified a mutual desire to use available travel funds to support Faculty attendance at professional seminars, workshops, conferences or educational exchanges and also to promote active participation;

Whereas, Cost increases for travel and conference fees have significantly affected Faculty members’ opportunities to participate in national and international professional seminars, workshops, conferences and educational exchanges; and

Whereas, The SCSU Administration and the SCSU AAUP have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) allowing an exemption from the \$750 limit for 2021-2022 travel funds for part-time Faculty;¹ and

Whereas, Through this resolution the Faculty Senate is acting to fulfill its responsibility in conferring with the President on the establishment of a maximum annual SCSU funding limit on travel funds provided by the CBA for 2021-2022; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate recommends that the travel fund reimbursement caps for 2021-2022 be set at \$875 for part-time Faculty members; and be it further

¹ This provision is not intended to change any other terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Resolved, That part-time members of the Faculty traveling to a professional seminar, workshop, conference or educational exchange shall have the travel cap raised by \$125 for one of two circumstances:

- a) for travel that requires trans-ocean travel, OR
- b) if the member is traveling to attend a professional seminar, workshop, conference or educational exchange as an invited keynote speaker², and whose expenses are not covered in full by the sponsoring organization; and be it further

Resolved, That according to the foregoing, the maximum total travel reimbursement cap for part-time Faculty members shall be \$1,000.

² For the purposes of this document, an invited keynote speaker is the person “headlining” or serving as the main speaker during an opening meeting or other plenary session at an event covered by CBA-provided travel funds. A faculty member applying for an increased travel fund cap based on having been invited to give a keynote address, must provide a copy of a formal, written invitation, which states the amount of expenses paid by the sponsoring organization and the stipend awarded by the sponsoring organization to cover expenses. A faculty member who attends a professional seminar, workshop, conference or educational exchange as a participant in any other capacity (e.g., to present a paper, poster session, experiential learning activity, professional development workshop, attend committee or governing group activities) is not an invited keynote speaker.