

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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Deborah Weiss, Ph.D., President, Faculty Senate      Date

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

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**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)

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Joe Bertolino, Ed.D., President, SCSU

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Date

## **SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE**

### **Resolution Regarding Operating Expense Allocation**

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, Section 9.4.7 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Connecticut State University American Association of University Professors and Board of Regents for Higher Education (CBA) specifies that “Each University will allocate funds from its annual budget to departments for the purchase of equipment and supplies,” said funds referred to herein as operating expense (OE) funds or OE allocations;

Whereas, Section 9.4.7 of the CBA specifies that “The allotments [of OE funds] will be made by the local University administration after consultation with the departments involved”;

Whereas, Section 5.16 of the CBA specifies that “A department shall make its decisions by majority vote of its full-time members, except where otherwise provided by this Agreement or in the department’s bylaws”;

Whereas, Some academic programs also receive an OE allotment;

Whereas, Funds allocated to departments and programs belong to all members of respective units;

Whereas, Therefore, the substance of department and program consultation on OE allotments shall be guided by majority vote of full-time members or other decision-making process specified in a department’s or program’s bylaws;

Whereas, Practices vary widely among departments and programs with regard to the participation of faculty members in framing requests for and determining the use of OE funds, and the provision of information to full-time members about the availability of OE funds to support the work of the department or program and its members;

Whereas, It is understood that the Department Chair and Secretary often manage and track OE funds allocated to a department;

Whereas, OE allocations are a valuable resource that must be handled with transparency; and

Whereas, The Faculty Senate wishes to promote the involvement of the faculty in developing departmental budget requests and plans for using OE funds; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That to maintain transparency in the acquisition and use of OE funds, academic department and program bylaws shall include processes for ensuring that full-time faculty members shall be included in developing OE budget requests and approving OE allocation

spending plans, and shall be informed about the amount and status of departments' and programs' OE allocations on a regular basis, at least including reports within one week of the start of each semester and within one week of March 1; and be it further

*Resolved*, That upon approval of this resolution all full-time faculty shall be informed of its content and purpose through direct communication from the Faculty Senate.