

**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 COVID Policy

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, CSCU faculty are committed to improving both learning and learning conditions for all students;

Whereas, According to the majority of public health experts, another COVID surge is virtually certain to occur during the fall 2022 semester and is likely extend into spring 2023;

Whereas, As a rule, faculty and some staff members are the employees who have the most and closest contact with students within confined spaces;

Whereas, The primary concern during an ongoing pandemic should be to reduce transmission of infection to the greatest extent possible;

Whereas, Masking protocols and testing in particular, are easy, effective, and inexpensive to maintain;

Whereas, Past CSCU COVID policy decisions have inappropriately prioritized political and economic considerations over the health and well-being of faculty, staff, students, and their families;

Whereas, CSCU and SCSU administration has repeatedly set COVID policy without adequate and meaningful consultation with elected faculty leaders despite persistent requests from those leaders; and

Whereas, SCSU administration has twice made COVID policy commitments to faculty which have later been reversed and/or overridden by CSCU administration without prior consultation with elected faculty leaders; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the SCSU Faculty Senate respectfully calls upon Presidents Cheng and Bertolino to include elected faculty leaders (at minimum the presidents of the CSU Faculty Senates, CSU AAUP chapters, and CSU-AAUP), in meaningful consultation during discussions, planning, and decision-making (i.e., *before* policies have been decided upon and announced) regarding all future changes to campus COVID policies; and be it further

*Resolved*, That appropriate consultation with other groups affected by such measures, including elected student and staff leadership, should be undertaken.