

Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2025-24

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 Load Credit for Faculty Leadership in the Graduate Council

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This resolution was approved by Faculty Senate on: May 7, 2025

☒ 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

05/12/2025

Date

cc: Julia Irwin, Ph.D., Interim Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs

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### ACTION OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Resolution for Approval

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Resolution APPROVED

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Resolution DISAPPROVED (Attach statement)

Resolution for Information

☐ Resolution NOTED (applies to Informational Resolutions only)

Dwayne Smith  
Dwayne Smith (May 27, 2025 09:56 EDT)

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

05/27/2025

Date

## Statement



## FACULTY SENATE

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### Resolution Regarding Load Credit for Faculty Leadership in the Graduate Council

Whereas, Southern Connecticut State University exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence;

Whereas, The Faculty Senate is the official governing body for shared governance;

Whereas, The Faculty Senate recognizes that, to further academic excellence and to ensure shared governance is upheld, load credit is necessary for the labor of the faculty leadership in the Graduate Council;

Whereas, The Graduate Council By-Laws specify some of the required labor associated with the duties of multiple Graduate Council positions; and

Whereas, The Faculty Senate has a duty and responsibility to give consideration to load credit and quantities that reflect the labor of faculty leadership in the Graduate Council; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That effective beginning in the Fall semester of 2025, the load credit for the Graduate Council shall be as follows:

- 3 credits for fall semester and 3 credits for spring semester assigned to the **Chairperson of Graduate Council**.
- 1 credit for summer "A" or summer "B" semester assigned to the **Chairperson of Graduate Council**.
- Continuation of 1 credit for fall semester and 1 credit for spring semester assigned to the **Graduate Council Secretary**.
- 2 credits for fall semester and 2 credits for spring semester assigned to the **Chairperson of the Policy and Procedures Committee**.
- 2 credits for fall semester and 2 credits for spring semester assigned to the **Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee**.
- 2 credits for fall semester and 2 credits for spring semester assigned to the **Chairperson of the Standards and Assessment Review (StAR) Committee**. In circumstances wherein there are two co-chairs of the StAR Committee, each co-chair shall be assigned 1 credit for fall semester and 1 credit for spring semester.