

Faculty Senate Resolution Number S-2025-25

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 Faculty Senate

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

ACTION OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Resolution for Approval

☐ Resolution APPROVED

☒ Resolution DISAPPROVED (Attach statement)

Resolution for Information

☐ Resolution NOTED (applies to Informational Resolutions only)

Dwayne Smith
Dwayne Smith (May 27, 2025 09:54 EDT)

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

05/27/2025

Date

Statement



FACULTY SENATE

Resolution Regarding Load Credit for Faculty Leadership in the Faculty Senate

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 Faculty Senate;

Whereas, The Faculty Senate By-Laws specify some of the required labor associated with the duties of multiple Faculty Senate positions;

Whereas, The Faculty Senate Rules Committee in AY 24-25 gathered additional details regarding the labor associated with the duties of multiple Faculty Senate positions; and

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

Resolved, That effective beginning in the Fall semester of 2025, the load credit for Faculty Senate shall be as follows:

- 9 credits for fall semester and 9 credits for spring semester assigned to the **Faculty Senate President**.
- 2 credits for summer "A" or summer "B" semester assigned to the **Faculty Senate President**.
- 3 credits for fall semester and 3 credits for spring semester assigned to the **Faculty Senate Secretary**.
- 3 credits for fall semester and 3 credits for spring semester assigned to **each Standing Committee Chair** (this includes the **Faculty Senate Treasurer** as the chair of the Finance Committee). In circumstances wherein there are two co-chairs of a standing committee, each co-chair shall be assigned 1.5 credits per semester.
- 3 credits for fall semester and 3 credits for spring semester assigned to the **Elections Officer**. In circumstances wherein there are two Elections Officers, each officer shall be assigned 1.5 credits for fall semester and 1.5 credits for spring semester.