

Faculty Senate Resolution

To: SCSU President J. Philip Smith

From: Arthur Paulson, President of the SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate regards:

The Resolution is presented to you for your ☐ APPROVAL
☒ INFORMATION

After considering this resolution, please indicate your action on this form and return it to the President of the Faculty Senate.

In accordance with the CSU-AAUP Contract (Article 5.10), the President of the University will return the Resolution to the President of the Senate within 15 school days of the receipt of the Resolution.

cc: Ellen R. Beatty

Arthur C Paulson
Arthur Paulson, President, Faculty Senate

4/16/2004
Date

ENDORSEMENT of Faculty Senate Resolution,

To: Arthur Paulson, President SCSU Faculty Senate
From: J. Phil Smith, President of the University

1. Motion APPROVED _____
2. Motion DISAPPROVED _____ (attach statement)
3. Motion NOTED X _____
4. Comments _____

4/16/04
Date

J. Phil Smith
Signature

The Potential Merger of the Governing Bodies of the Connecticut State University (CSU) and the Community-Technical College (CTC) Systems

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

Whereas issues pertaining to possible budgetary considerations or administrative organization should not be carried out in ways that compromise academic excellence; and

Whereas a merger of the Connecticut State University with the CTC's would be disruptive and detrimental to student learning, creating a governance structure less able to respond to specific needs of each CSU and CTC campus; and

Whereas Connecticut State University has a distinct educational mission as a comprehensive four-year liberal arts university, with distinctive professional schools and graduate programs including a program in Educational Leadership leading to an Ed.D.; and

Whereas the CSU and CTC systems have demonstrably different academic missions and objectives such that their graduates seek widely divergent professional and vocational career paths; and

Whereas CSU's standards regarding faculty work load, and promotion and tenure criteria (especially in the areas of creative activity and service), reflect a liberal arts mission and a research-oriented culture which differs from that of the CTC's; and

Whereas the cost of administering as one system such diverse and large entities as CSU and the CTC's is very likely to be complicated, difficult, and therefore not cost-effective; and

Whereas the CSU and CTC system offices use only a small fraction of the total higher education budget for the State of Connecticut, making any theoretical savings from a merger of the two groups inconsequential; and

Whereas research (*Dr. Cibes 2003 Testimony to the Task Force on Accountability, Creativity, and Efficiency*) indicates that merging state higher educational systems does not always result in saving revenue or reducing bureaucracy, and in fact, can lead to increased spending in unforeseen ways (such as personnel, technological, and salary adjustments),

be it resolved that

the Southern Connecticut State University Faculty Senate strongly supports the continuation of the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System as a separate entity, and strongly opposes any restructuring of the governing boards of higher education that would place the Connecticut State University and the Community-Technical Colleges under the authority of a combined board.