

Senate Resolution Number **S-06-02**

Faculty Senate Resolution

To: SCSU President Cheryl Norton

From: John DaPonte, President of the SCSU Faculty Senate

The attached Resolution of the Faculty Senate regards: **Deadline for Submission of Final Grades**

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: Dr. Selase Williams


John DaPonte, President, Faculty Senate

5/1/06
Date

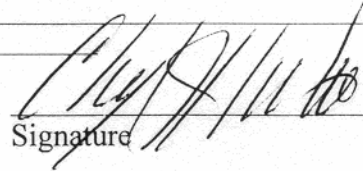
ENDORSEMENT of Faculty Senate Resolution, **S-06-02**

To: John DaPonte, President SCSU Faculty Senate

From: Cheryl Norton, President of the University

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

5/1/06
Date


Signature

**IN SUPPORT OF MOVING THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL GRADES
TO A LATER DATE**

Whereas SCSU exists for the primary purpose of furthering academic excellence;

And whereas all administrative decisions should be driven first and foremost by the goal of academic excellence;

And whereas grades are essential to the evaluation of students' performance in a given class;

And whereas the determination of final grades is a time-consuming and labor-intensive process at the end of the semester;

And whereas technical advances have accelerated the process by which grades are distributed;

And whereas there has been no justification for moving the deadline for grade submission to an earlier date;

And whereas moving the deadline for final grade submission to an earlier date negatively impacts faculty ability to evaluate student performance;

And whereas an earlier deadline adversely impacts an instructor's ability to freely and most effectively evaluate students;

Therefore be it resolved that:

The deadline for final grade submission be no sooner than ten calendar days after the end of finals.

TO: Dr. John DaPonte
President, SCSU Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Cheryl Norton
President, SCSU

RE: Faculty Senate Resolution S-06-02

DATE: April 16, 2006

Dear John,

The following information is provided as comment to the my disapproval of Faculty Senate Resolution S-06-02. I have written the comments in this format only because there were many issues to consider in my decision. I hope this format helps to synthesize my concerns about changing the date from four days (meeting the CBA requirements to 10 days as provided for in the resolution. As usual, I would be available to discuss this issue with the Senate at your convenience. THANKS!

Faculty Senate Resolution S-06-02: Motion Disapproved

The AAUP Collective Bargaining Agreement which is adhered to by each of the institutions in the CSU system stipulates:

“The determination of grades is the responsibility of the instructor of the course. A corollary of this responsibility is the duty of instructors to submit grades to the University Registrar within prescribed time limits. In no case shall an instructor be required to submit final grades in less than three (3) working days from the date of the last scheduled final exam.” (4.2.2.2)

Whereas grades are **not** recorded into academic history and a student’s academic standing compiled or degree audit begun until all grades are submitted by faculty and;

Whereas there has never been a semester that all faculty have turned in grades by the required deadline and;

Whereas a delay in meeting the required timeline results in minimally a delay of 1-2 additional days in degree audit and;

Whereas the students must be provided with adequate time to adjust schedules, file petitions for continuation and/or address financial aid changes and;

Whereas students require transcripts as soon as possible after the end of the semester in order to apply for graduate school or employment and;

Whereas the current academic calendar meets the contractual requirements of the CBA agreed to by the union and System;

I therefore disapprove this resolution because there is not clear evidence that this resolution addresses the academic needs of students in a more proactive manner than our current grading timeline.