Senate Resolution Number F-04-04

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: Southern Web Site

The Resolution is presented to you for your [X] 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 Beatty

John DaPonte, President, Faculty Senate

_11/18/04_
Date

ENDORSEMENT of Faculty Senate Resolution, F-04-04

To: John DaPonte, President SCSU Faculty Senate
From: Cheryl Norton, President of the University

Motion APPROVED
2. Motion DISAPPROVED X (attach statement)
3. Motion NOTED ___________________________
4. Comments See attached _______________

_11/20/04_
Date

Signature
Southern Web site

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

Whereas academic excellence requires a well organized and comprehensive university web site that is both an academic and public relations tool; and

Whereas the web site is the first point of contact with SCSU for many individuals; and

Whereas a web site that offers a more ergonomic design and navigation scheme would contribute to a more positive image of SCSU and its academic programs; and

Whereas there is currently no campus wide committee to advise the web site development staff on content and design for the campus web site;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate requests the formation of a standing web site committee with campus wide representation from the Teaching Faculty, Library Faculty, Student Body, Information Technology, Public Affairs and the University Administration to advise the web site development staff on issues related to the campus web site, including design, layout, navigation, organization of content, and web applications.
While I agree that a university such as Southern requires "...well organized and comprehensive university website...which [will often be] the first point of contact with SCSU for many individuals... [and can] contribute to a more positive image of CSU and its academic programs...", I want to complete an external review and evaluation of our website before decisions regarding website direction/committees are made. Currently, there is an RFP out for a consultant to be hired to make recommendations regarding the content and direction our university website should follow as well as evaluate our procedure for making decisions related to the website use. It would be premature to form a committee to make recommendations until this report is completed, and users and stakeholders for the website identified. With this information, the institution will have a more informed position regarding the organization, structure and responsibilities of such a committee.