***Savannah State University Faculty Senate Proposed Simple Resolutions***

**Savannah State University Faculty Senate Simple Resolution (FSSR-2013-1)**

**Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**WHEREAS** Dr. King participated in many peaceful demonstrations that protested the unjust and unconstitutional treatment of African Americans; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. King’s legacy of empowerment and opportunity continues to motivate generations of America’s future leaders; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. King’s legacy of nonviolence continues to be realized throughout the world as the model for social, economic and political justice; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. King’s legacy of equality has given all American citizens hope and purpose in their pursuit of happiness:

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSU Faculty Senate hereby affirms its support for observing January 21, 2013, as a national holiday in honor and recognition of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Savannah State University Faculty Senate Simple Resolution (FSSR-2013-2)**

**Support For QEP Initiatives Focused on Improving Language Skills of SSU Students**

**WHEREAS** a growing minority of SSU students have low written and oral English language skills; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of SSU’s The Write Attitude Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) program, success in the classroom and in all future endeavors becomes more likely; and

**WHEREAS** the economy and the position of the United State in the world marketplace depend on having a literate population with strong English language skills:

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The SSU Faculty Senate supports the great effort by the director of QEP Dr. Lisa Yount and the QEP staff in raising university-wide awareness about the importance of written language skills, and;
2. The SSU Faculty Senate encourages all faculty at SSU to support QEP programs and utilize resources of the ReWrite Connection.

**Savannah State University Faculty Senate Simple Resolution (FSSR-2013-3)**

**Hosting International Students For a Meal or Excursion.**

**WHEREAS** the presence of international students on SSU campus helps to promote and develop a positive cultural sensitivity in our students rather than resorting to stereotype bias; and

**WHEREAS** the presence of international students on SSU campus helps our students to evaluate and appreciate their own culture;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSU Faculty Senate requests that the university administration and the Office of International Program and Services declare or designate special occasions whereby SSU faculty could volunteer to host international students for a meal or excursion.

**Savannah State University Faculty Senate Resolution (FSSR-2013-4)**

**Support for Efforts to Deter Gun Violence on the SSU Campus**

**WHEREAS** school safety is a top priority of every school administrators throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS** in recent years there has been numerous unfortunate incidents on school campuses around the nation involving guns in which students, faculty and staff have been killed and injured; and

**WHEREAS** there are ongoing discussions throughout the nation regarding efforts to deter gun related incidents on school campuses:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SSU Faculty Senate encourages and supports efforts of SSU campus Public Safety and the administration to deter gun violence on campus.

**Savannah State University Faculty Senate Simple Resolution (FSSR-2013-5)**

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**SSU Faculty Senate Procedures**

In accordance with Article I, Section 3, of the Bylaws of the SSU Faculty Senate, which states:

the Savannah State University Faculty Senate resolves that the following procedures be followed for proceedings involving Senate resolutions:

1. Introduction of Resolution(s)
2. Any senator can introduce a resolution by notifying the Corresponding Secretary of the Faculty Senate via email before or at the time of the Corresponding Secretary’s request for agenda items for the next meeting of the Faculty Senate.
3. A copy of the proposed resolution shall be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary no later than 30 hours (excluding weekend hours) before the next Faculty Senate meeting.
4. Faculty Senate Committee Action
5. The Executive Committee assigns the resolution to the appropriate committee
6. The Executive Committee sets time limit on committee consideration of the resolution and schedules consideration of the resolution on the agenda of the next Faculty Senate meeting.
7. The resolution is considered dead if the committee fails to report on the resolution within the assigned time frame.
8. Any committee reporting a resolution to the full Faculty Senate floor for passage shall submit the full text of the resolution to the Corresponding Secretary no less than 30 hours (excluding weekend hours) prior to the Faculty Senate meeting.
9. Faculty Senate Floor Action
10. Committee reports including any proposed resolutions and/or senator presentation of a proposed resolution.
11. Debate
12. Vote
13. Presidential Action
14. A resolution becomes effective when signed by the President.
15. If the President rejects the resolution, it must be sent back with a note listing reasons for his/her rejection.
16. The senate may attempt to either modify the rejected resolution to meet the President’s requirement(s), or
17. The senate may attempt to override the President’s rejection by a vote of 90 percent of the Faculty Senate.

**Types of Resolutions**

1. Resolutions
2. A substantive type of resolution designated by FSR (Faculty Senate Resolution).
3. A proposal that that if approved by majority vote of the Senate and signature of the President becomes university policy.
4. Simple Resolutions
5. A type of resolution designated by FSSR (Faculty Senate Simple Resolution) that is used primarily to express the sense of the Faculty Senate.
6. A simple resolution is not signed by the President and does not necessarily become university policy.