RESOLUTION

concerning

BERTRAM D. SARASON

April 5, 1974

WHEREAS, Leaves granted to faculty members are intended, except in special cases, to benefit the State Colleges of Connecticut by enabling college teachers and non-teaching professionals to enrich their scholarship, improve their artistic talent, and enhance their understandings, thus enabling them to contribute more effectively to the educational process, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bertram D. Sarason was granted a leave of absence without pay from September 1, 1954, through June 30, 1955, by the State Board of Education "to pursue a course of study which was connected with the work of the agency and which was for the purpose of increasing his proficiency in his position," and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sarason was able to accept a leave without pay because he had a grant from the Ford Foundation, thus removing the need for salary from the State of Connecticut, as often occurs when leaves are granted, and

WHEREAS, The year's leave of absence is counted toward retirement, thus recognizing this period of time as being in the service of the State Colleges of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, The period of this leave has not been credited to Dr. Sarason for purposes of longevity pay increments, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees for the State Colleges of Connecticut believes that the period of this leave should be counted for purposes of longevity pay increments, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Executive Secretary request the State Comptroller to ask the State Attorney General for a ruling to determine whether Dr. Sarason is entitled to service credit for the period of this leave for purposes of longevity pay increments.
March 26, 1974

Mr. Nathan G. Agostinelli
State Comptroller
30 Trinity Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06115

Dear Mr. Agostinelli:

Thank you for your letter of March 11 concerning
Mr. Bertram Sarason.

I am bringing the matter to the attention of the Board
of Trustees for the State Colleges of Connecticut.

Yours very truly,

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James A. Frost
Executive Secretary

BC: C. M. Ritchie and A. W. Boynton
March 11, 1974

Mr. James A. Frost  
Executive Secretary  
Board of Trustees for State Colleges  
1280 Asylum Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Frost:

We have received a request in this office from Mr. Bertram Sarason, Professor of English at Southern Connecticut State College to secure a ruling from the Attorney General concerning service credit for longevity pay purposes claimed for the 1954-55 year by Mr. Sarason.

We plan to request the opinion; however, before doing so, we are inquiring as to whether the Board of Trustees for State Colleges is in accord with our proposed request.

Very truly yours,

Nathan G. Agostinelli  
State Comptroller

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FOR THE STATE COLLEGES
Board of Trustees for the State Colleges
1280 Asylum Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06105

Attention Dr. James A. Frost
Executive Secretary

Gentlemen:

In your letter of August 23, 1973, you requested our opinion as to whether Dr. Bertram D. Sarason, Southern Connecticut State College, was entitled to credit for the academic year 1954-1955 in the computation of his longevity payment pursuant to Sec. 5-213, Conn. Gen. Stat. Attached to your letter was a letter dated June 11, 1973 in which the State Comptroller refused to give back to Dr. Sarason credit for said academic year. The State Comptroller stated his reasons for the denial in that letter.

It has been a long-standing policy of this office not to render for one agency interpretations of statutes administered by other agencies without compelling reason therefor. Accordingly, we must decline to render for you an opinion with respect to Sec. 5-213, which statute is administered by the Comptroller.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT K. KILLIAN
Attorney General

By

Bernard F. McGovern, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Honorable Nathan G. Agostinelli
State Comptroller