RESOLUTION

concerning

EMERITUS PROFESSOR

March 12, 1976

WHEREAS, Dr. Helen Rakieten has served Southern Connecticut State College almost continuously on a full-time and part-time basis since 1949, and

WHEREAS, She has held the posts of Department Chairperson and Assistant Dean of Professional Studies and has done so in a manner to win the respect and affection of her colleagues as well as generations of graduate and undergraduate students, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rakieten will retire at the end of the current academic year, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Dr. Rakieten is hereby designated as Emeritus Professor of Education at Southern Connecticut State College, effective July 1, 1976.

A Certified True Copy:

[Signature]

James A. Frost
Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. Bernice C. Niejadlik, Chairman
Board of Trustees for State Colleges
P.O. Box 2008
New Britain, Connecticut 06051

Dear Mrs. Niejadlik:

The Board of Trustees resolution regarding my retirement was one of the most surprising events of my career! It is difficult to formally end my association with Southern. My work has been stimulating and challenging and if over the course of the years it has contributed to Southern’s success and prestige I am very gratified.

My contacts with the Trustees have been very limited so I’m sure I am indebted to President Jennings for calling your attention to my retirement. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him. He has very ably guided Southern through many periods of stress and tension in the last few years. Under his leadership faculty and students have evolved a sense of shared responsibility which has enhanced the growth and welfare of our College.

Please convey my thanks to the other members of the Board of Trustees for my final, “diploma.”

Sincerely yours,

Helen Rakieten
Professor of Education
May 28, 1976

Professor Helen Rakieten
Education Department
Southern Connecticut State College
501 Crescent Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06515

Dear Professor Rakieten:

Thank you for your letter of May 27 and your kind words about President Jennings. The Trustees are very appreciative of your excellent service to Southern Connecticut State College and to the College's students. The resolution was heartfelt on the part of the Trustees.

Your letter will be brought to the attention of the Board at its next meeting. May your retirement bring you enjoyment and continued opportunities for self growth.

Sincerely,

Bernice C. Niejadlik
Chairman

BCN/b
March 24, 1976

Dr. Manson Van B. Jennings
President
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE
501 Crescent Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06515

Dear President Jennings:

Enclosed please find copy of SCR#75-16 concerning Dr. Helen Bakisten.

Sincerely,

James A. Frost
Executive Secretary

JAF/b
encl.
February 6, 1976

Dr. Manson Van B. Jennings
President
Southern Connecticut State College
301 Crescent Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06515

Dear Manson:

Reference is made to your letter of January 27 concerning Dr. Helen Hakieten. The question of emeritus status will be placed before the Personnel Committee. I can see no reason why it should not be in executive session.

Cordially,

James A. Prost
Chief Executive Officer

JAP/b
Dr. James A. Frost
Executive Secretary
Board of Trustees For State Colleges
P.O. Box 2008
New Britain, Connecticut 06050

Dear Jim:

This June, Dr. Helen Rakieten of our Education Department is being forced into mandatory retirement. She will then have completed ten years of full-time service. From September 1949 through the summer of 1961 she served continuously as a part-time instructor at Southern. During her last decade at Southern she served not only as a professor but also as department chairman and interim dean of professional studies. Hers has been a distinguished career in education and no one has been more conscientious in the fulfillment of her responsibilities to the college than she. She is well-beloved by generations of undergraduate and graduate students.

Our personnel policies require fifteen years of service to qualify as an emeritus professor; they also provide that exceptions may be made by the Trustees. I request that the Personnel Committee of the Trustees be asked to make an exception in her case and permit the awarding of emeritus status to her.

If you agree that this request may be placed on the agenda of the Personnel Committee, please let me know and I'll prepare a more detailed summary of her career for their consideration. As public school teacher and administrator, as professor and administrator at Southern, she has accomplished without benefit of Women's Lib what many modern your women believe they can achieve only through the enforcement of affirmative action principles.
Dr. James A. Frost

Incidentally, if it is legally possible to do so, I believe it would be appropriate for this matter to be considered in executive session.

Sincerely,

Manson Van B. Jennings
President

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