

TO: William Salka, President, ECSU University Senate  
Sam Lightwood, President, WCSU University Senate  
FROM: Brian Johnson, President, SCSU Faculty Senate  
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RE: Concerns about BOT Policy and Centralization of Power  
DATE: February 3, 2010

We're writing to ask for your support as we address what we consider a growing and dangerous centralization of power in the Chancellor's office. We are deeply concerned that this centralization will compromise the institutional autonomy at all of our campuses and weaken the ability of our Presidents to govern effectively. We have already addressed our concerns, over the past two months, to the BOT Academic Affairs Committee, the Chair of the BOT, the Chancellor, and the media.

Most recently, Southern's Faculty Senate has called for the overturning of a revision to BOT policy on Presidential non-continuation (See Policy, Letter A). Central's Senate will be discussing that revision, and its effects, at their next meeting (See Letter B, DRAFT Resolution). We hope that you will join us in expressing a unanimous view from faculty at all four CSU campuses that a Chancellor with too much power will harm our universities, not help them.

If you decide to join in this effort, we would urge you to consider writing a resolution similar to Central's. Such a resolution would be most helpful if you were to pass it prior to next Wednesday, February 10, when the entire BOT is scheduled to meet. If a week proves insufficient for deliberation and discussion, you might consider March 3 as an alternate date. The BOT Academic Affairs Subcommittee is holding open March 3 for a special meeting if necessary (for details, see <http://www.ct.edu/trustees/calendar/> under "Upcoming Committee Meetings"). We might request such a meeting if we think it will help our cause.

Thank you for considering our request. We hope that you will join us in delivering a clear message on institutional autonomy from the CSU faculty.