



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Tremayne T. Price, President

DATE: August 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Task Force on Organizational Structure

Action Requested

The proposed resolution endorses the President's establishment of the Student Assembly Task Force on Organizational Structure.

Resolution

I recommend that the Executive Committee adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Student Assembly of the State University of New York is the recognized representative of SUNY's over 450,000 students; and

Whereas the organizational infrastructure of the Student Assembly has not been thoroughly examined by the body or the SUNY Board of Trustees since 1994; and

Whereas the Student Assembly policy has not been substantially updated aside from some minor edits in 2004 and 2011; and

Whereas the Executive Committee has, in the past, identified a need for broader guidance and direction regarding the organizational structure; and

Whereas the President would like to establish a Task Force to examine policies, bylaws, and procedures related to the Student Assembly to determine necessary changes to strengthen student representation, and charge the task force with making recommendations, as appropriate, to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in student advocacy and leadership development; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Executive Committee endorses and supports the President's establishment of a Task Force on Organizational Structure subject to consultation with the Internal Affairs Committee regarding representation on the Task Force.

Background

The resolution endorses the President's establishment of a Student Assembly Task Force on Organizational Structure and his charge that the Task Force to examine policies, bylaws, and procedures related to the Student Assembly to determine necessary changes to strengthen student representation, and charge the task force with making recommendations, as appropriate, to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in student advocacy and leadership development.

The purpose of the resolution is to support the Student Assembly effort to make informed, inclusive decisions regarding the structure of the Student Assembly and its operations.

The Task Force on Organizational Structure is the first system-wide task force to be formed by the Student Assembly in several years to provide additional incite to inform the process of adapting or changing Student Assembly policy or procedure.

The task force shall be comprised of broad representation from both State-operated and community college campuses that have representation in the Student Assembly. The members of the Task Force on Organizational Structure shall include one student from each of the following: University Centers & Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions – Undergraduate Division, University Centers & Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions – Graduate Division, University Colleges, Technology Colleges; and two students from Community Colleges. In addition, the task force shall include one faculty member and the one representative from SUNY System Administration. The Senior Director of Internal Affairs shall serve as liaison to the task force and provide support.