



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Student Assembly

FROM: Lori Mould, University College Representative

DATE: February 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Financial burden to students due to Long Island College Hospital

Whereas, the State University of New York (SUNY) was founded to provide the broadest possible access to higher education; and

Whereas, SUNY has a long standing tradition of providing an affordable and coveted education to students; and

Whereas, the fallout of the Long Island College Hospital (LICH) solvency problems, at the current rate of \$13,000,000 per month, could bring about a potential increase of tuition to SUNY students resulting in an increase of \$310.00 per semester, per student; and

Whereas, this increase in tuition would put an unnecessary financial burden on SUNY students; and

Whereas, SUNY students could be phased out of their dreams of a college education; and

Whereas, students enrolled in classes for fewer than 6 credit hours would be subjected to higher out-of-pocket tuition fees due to lack of financial aid availability; and

Whereas, SUNY students, present and future, should be entitled to a continued low cost education from the largest comprehensive college system in the world; and

Whereas, this is a health care issue and should not be a higher education issue to be resolved on the backs of SUNY students; and

Whereas, this increase in SUNY tuition would essentially be a stopgap measure to a much larger problem, and therefore be it;

Resolved, that SUNY and the New York State policy makers work quickly to resolve this issue so the financial burden of LICH is not placed on SUNY students, and finally be it;

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, but not limited to, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Mayor Bill de Blasio, the NYS Legislature, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, and SUNY Student Government Associations.