

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Student Assembly

FROM: Sara Garfinkle, Director of Academic Affairs

DATE: March 22, 2014

SUBJECT: Academic Advisement

I recommend that the Student Assembly adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the mission of the Student Assembly is to advocate for continued accessibility to a quality, affordably higher education for the students of the State University; and

Whereas the State University of New York (SUNY) was founded to provide the broadest possible access to higher education and is committed to the continued access, completion, and success of its students; and

Whereas academic advising is a service that seeks to explain academic policies and procedures, provide information about general education and major requirements, and provide mentorship opportunities with the goal of student completion; and

Whereas the Student Assembly recognizes that academic advising is a dynamic, shared responsibility between students and advisors to develop and maintain a coherent educational plan to success; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly calls on the Chancellor to conduct a campus-by-campus assessment of academic advising to be accumulated into a system-wide report for the purpose of developing a comprehensive plan to enhance the overall quality of academic advising; and, further be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly recommends, at a minimum, the following stakeholders be included in the process for the assessment and enhancement of academic advising: campus administration, students, faculty, advising staff; and, further be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly requests SUNY System Administration continue to seek ways of providing enhanced support to campuses in the form of professional development and other training for academic advisors with regard student mobility; and, finally be it

Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed, but not limited to, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, and SUNY Student Government Associations.