

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Student Assembly

FROM: Devin E. Sonne, Mohawk Valley Community College

DATE: April 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Support for Physical Education Classes Regardless of Degree Program Requirements

Action Requested

The proposed resolution calls on the State University of New York system administration to advocate for the financial support of physical education classes regardless of the status of said classes within degree requirements.

Resolution

We recommend that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the State Assembly (SA) of the State University of New York (SUNY) is the single recognized voice for over 465,000 students in the SUNY system; and

Whereas the mission of SUNY SA is to empower students to seek continued access to quality, affordable higher education; and

Whereas as a result of the limitations placed on the number of credits for associate degree programs to sixty-four (64) credits to provide for an appropriate transfer program; and

Whereas this has resulted in six (6) community colleges dropping physical education class requirements from programs to meet these limitations; and

Whereas the education of SUNY students about physical fitness, health, and/or wellness programs is important; and

Whereas the opportunity to learn these programs affect the future health of all students who participate; and

Whereas the Student Assembly has identified the need for students to have full access to these programs regardless of the status of these programs within the academic degree requirements; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that in order for these programs to be fully accessible to all students within the SUNY system, the Student Assembly urges the SUNY System Administration and all necessary parties to advocate for the financial support of all physical education classes regardless of academic degree program requirements; and, be it further

Resolved that the Student Assembly urges all SUNY campus administrations to continue to provide said physical education programs to all students regardless of academic degree requirements; and, be it finally

Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed widely including, 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.