

MEMORANDUM

**TO: Members of the Student Assembly**

**FROM: Lori Mould, President**

**DATE: October 18, 2014**

**SUBJECT: Safety and Well Being of SUNY Community College Students**

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

Whereas, the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNY SA) is the recognized voice of SUNY's almost half a million students, and;

Whereas, the safety and well being of all student is of the upmost importance to this organization, and;

Whereas, on October 2, 2014 the SUNY Board of Trustees at the urging of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo passed a comprehensive, system-wide, uniform set of sexual assault prevention and response practices at SUNY campuses, and;

Whereas, SUNY's thirty community colleges are governed under regional operating authorities, and can hire security or peace officers that do have limited law enforcement powers, which is laid out in Education Law Section 6306 (5-a.a) allows for the board of trustees at each community college to appoint peace officers, and;

Resolved, that SUNY SA call upon the leadership at all thirty community colleges to make a good faith effort to implement and follow the guideline recently passed by that SUNY Board of Trustee, and be it further;

Resolved that pursuant to Article 129-A of the New York State Education Law titled: **Regulation by Colleges of Conduct on Campuses and Other College Property Used for Educational Purposes** requires that all public and private higher education institutions in the state to comply laws and regulations on the reporting of domestic violence and sexual assault at their institutions, and provide support and information to the campus community as a whole on it, and be it further;

Resolved, that we like to remind and call on all thirty of SUNY's community colleges to follow this provision if they have trouble adapting to and implementing the newly passed Sexual Assault Response and Prevention Policy by the SUNY Board of Trustees, and finally be it;

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, but not limited to, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, each individual Community College Board of Trustees and SUNY Student Governing bodies.