



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Student Assembly
FROM: Jeany Melendez Santiago, Director of Equity and Inclusion
SUBJECT: Diversity Awareness
DATE: October 18, 2014

Action Requested

The proposed resolution calls on the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNY SA) students to encompass all student cultures and experiences through Diversity to promote student inclusion and success.

Resolution

WHEREAS, nearly half a million students are enrolled in the State University of New York, and;

WHEREAS, 27.5% of these students are members of an array of racial and ethnic minority, and;

WHEREAS, the figure above only represents a miniscule portion of our diverse student bodies, and;

WHEREAS, the word diversity is a term that includes, but it is not limited to, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, socio-economic status, gender, ethnicity, race, and others, and;

WHEREAS, it is extremely important to recognize and respect the diversity that exists on our campuses, and;

WHEREAS, students should be exposed to wide variety of experiences, cultures, folklores, languages to further their understanding of the importance of diversity, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York supports the initiative of diversity awareness in which students in all of our campuses can come together and celebrate our rich diversity, and be it furthermore;

RESOLVED, that we allocate a time every spring semester to celebrate our diversity, and be it;

RESOLVED, that the campuses are allowed to choose how they would like to celebrate diversity, encompassing all participating clubs, organizations and students, 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 Presidents, and SUNY student governing bodies.