

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Student Assembly

FROM: Kenneth Cisson, Director of Military Affairs

SUBJECT: 8 Keys to Veterans' Success

DATE: October 20, 2014

Action Requested

Ensure that as many campuses as possible, within the State University of New York (SUNY), adopt the "8 Keys to Veterans' Success". By signing this voluntary initiative, SUNY is providing protections for our nation's military, Veterans, and their families in post-secondary education. This will assist in the rate of success regarding this demographic.

Resolution

WHEREAS, on August 10th, 2013, President Barack Obama announced the "8 Keys to Veterans' Success" with the support of the Department of Education (ED) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and;

WHEREAS, this is an ongoing effort to foster postsecondary educational opportunities and dramatically improve employment outcomes for returning service members, and;

WHEREAS, the Veteran students of SUNY deserve the best possible educational experience by providing our veterans and military families with high-quality, affordable education, and proper support as outlined in the "8 Keys to Veterans' Success;" and;

WHEREAS, the "8 Keys to Veterans' Success" is providing protections for our nation's military, Veterans, and their families in post-secondary education and assist in the rate of success with this demographic, and;

WHEREAS, there are currently 16 campuses of SUNY who have committed to "8 Keys to Veterans' Success;" therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that SUNYSA encourages an increase in campuses to participate by signing this voluntary initiative, and furthermore be it;

RESOLVED, that SUNYSA encourages student leaders that the obligations outlined in the "8 Keys to Veterans' Success" are being fulfilled by the institutions that have signed and committed to this initiative; and furthermore be it;

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNYSA) will advocate strongly for the support and increase of the implementation and signing of the “8 Keys to Veterans’ Success,” with our provisions, going forward; 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.