



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Student Assembly
FROM: Alivia Sheffield, Director of Sustainability
SUBJECT: Local Produce
DATE: October 20, 2014

Action Requested

We recommend that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNYSA) adopt the following resolution to support local produce for campus events and campus dining.

Resolution

WHEREAS, SUNY SA is the recognized representative body for over 463,000 students in the SUNY system; and;

WHEREAS, the State University of New York (SUNY) students and campuses must exercise leadership in our communities and throughout society by modeling ways to support sustainable food systems; and;

WHEREAS, SUNY SA recognizes that investing in the use of local/regional, sustainable foods benefits not only current students, but the recruitment and retention of new students; and;

WHEREAS, it fosters university and community relations through the support of local farmers and food distributors; and;

WHEREAS, investing in sustainable food systems on SUNY campuses places SUNY in alignment with leading colleges and universities across the country; now, therefore, be it;

RESOLVED, that the SUNY SA encourages campuses to annually increase procurement of local/community-based food; and, be it further;



RESOLVED, that campuses be encouraged to establish a transparent reporting system to assess food procurement and commit to compiling these assessment results and make them available publicly; and, be it further;

RESOLVED, that students are encouraged to use local food at organization events; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that students be encouraged to develop ways to increase awareness about sustainable food systems on campus, 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.