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RESOLUTION 1617 – FC2

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Lori Mould, Chair of Military Affairs, SUNY Student Assembly

DATE: November 12, 2016

**SUBJECT: SUNY Military and Veteran Application Fee Waiver for Undergraduate
and Graduate Students**

Action Requested

We call on Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher and the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees to implement a policy that would provide all Military/Veteran students an easier financial transition into their post-secondary education by providing a waiver for the Application Fees into any SUNY institution for both undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Resolution

I recommend that the members of the Student Assembly of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNY SA) adopt the following resolution:

Whereas our Military/Veteran students have provided a great service to our country and we should strive to offer them an application fee waiver to better facilitate their enrollment and/or transfer into any of our SUNY institutions; and

Whereas the SUNY System has held itself up as a recognized leader throughout the country in assisting Military personnel (Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves, and Veterans) during their transition back into civilian life after their service to our country; and

Whereas all Military/Veteran students should benefit from the “Cradle to Career” thought process established by Chancellor

Nancy L. Zimpher which can be achieved for this subset of students through a collaboration with SUNY SA, Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, the SUNY Board of Trustees, and all 64 SUNY institutions; and

Whereas SUNY SA and the SUNY Board of Trustees has worked diligently in the past to encourage Veterans and their dependents to pursue their degrees within the SUNY system by changing the in-state tuition rate regardless of residency; and

Whereas; SUNY has endeavored to make a SUNY education accessible to a more diverse population of students as stated in the SUNY Mission Statement to be “fully representative of all segments of the population,” and Whereas; SUNY has numerous Military/Veteran students currently enrolled across the system and should endeavor to increase the accessibility to a greater number of Military/Veterans who would like to pursue their postsecondary education/s; and

Whereas; the SUNY system should follow the City University of New York’s (CUNY) precedent in offering “Veterans of the United States Military Service, currently on Active Duty or members of the National Guard or Reserves may obtain an application fee waiver¹; therefore, be it

Resolved that SUNY SA, SUNY, and the SUNY Board of Trustees shall work together to implement a policy to waive the application fee for all SUNY Military/Veteran students wishing to apply and/or transfer to any of the 64 SUNY campuses; and, finally be it,

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this resolution to the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, all Military/Veteran Clubs and Organizations, all Military and/or Veterans Affairs offices, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

¹ <http://www2.cuny.edu/about/universityresources/veterans-affairs/veterans-admissions/>