



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the General Assembly

**FROM: Steven Adelson, Vice President of Academic Affairs,
Undergraduate Student Government at Stony Brook University**

DATE: April 11, 2015

**SUBJECT: Resolution to Investigate Alternative, Permanent Funding for
University Volunteer Ambulance Services**

Resolution

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

Whereas, the mission of the State University of New York (herein 'SUNY') shall be:

To provide the people of New York educational services of the highest quality, with the broadest possible access, fully representative of all segments of the population in a complete range of academic, professional and vocational postsecondary programs including such additional activities in pursuit of these objectives as are necessary or customary¹;

Whereas, the SUNY is the largest comprehensive university system in the nation, educating more than 459,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs on 64 campuses, and with more than three million alumni around the globe²;

Whereas, the SUNY has the potential to create unprecedented opportunities not just for college students and their families, but also for faculty and staff, businesses and industry, and the workforce of the State of New York;

Whereas, there are State Universities of New York whose respective sole ambulance service provider is both student-operated and voluntary, and, both additionally and respectively, provide ambulance service to the surrounding areas;

¹ State University of New York Mission Statement: www.suny.edu/about/mission

² SUNY Fast Facts: www.suny.edu/about/fast-facts

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Whereas, student-operated voluntary ambulance service providers have a list of operational costs in order to simply meet the codes, rules and regulations dictated by the Department of Health of the State of New York;

Whereas, the student government/association of the respective SUNY, which is funded through its respective Student Activity Fee, may be the primary source of funding for its student-operated voluntary ambulance service provider;

Whereas, in accordance with the SUNY Chancellor's Guidelines, every two years, the student governments/associations of the SUNY shall determine by referendum whether student activity programs shall be supported by either voluntary or mandatory student fees³;

Whereas, if the student body of the respective student government/association of the SUNY determines that student activity programs shall be supported by voluntary student fees, its student-operated voluntary ambulance service provider cannot feasibly meet the codes, rules and regulations dictated by the Department of Health of the State of New York through the remaining sources of funding;

Whereas, under present conditions, there are State Universities of New York that will not have an ambulance service provider if its respective Student Activity Fee were to be supported by voluntary student fees, therefore be it;

Whereas, on the 8th of October 2013, the Undergraduate Student Government at Stony Brook University (herein 'USG') supported the *Resolution to Investigate Alternative, Permanent Funding for University Ambulance Services* (See: Appendices A and B);

Whereas, on the 3rd of April 2014, the USG supported the *Resolution to Support Proposed Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. Funding Plan* (See Appendices C and D), a proposed funding plan for Stony Brook University's student-operated volunteer ambulance service provider that would shift \$124,435 of its \$164,435 in funding from the USG to the administration of Stony Brook University over a five-year period, and;

Whereas, as of academic year 2014-2015, all three parties -- the USG; the administration of Stony Brook University, and; Stony Brook University's student-operated volunteer ambulance service provider -- have acted in accordance with the proposed funding plan and any memorandums of understanding (MoUs), therefore be it;

³ Student Activity Fees -- Mandatory: www.suny.edu/sunypp/documents.cfm?doc_id=358

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Resolved, the State University of New York Student Assembly supports subsequent joint efforts between student governments/associations of the State Universities of New York and the administration of the respective SUNY to explore alternative, permanent funding for its student-operated volunteer ambulance service provider, and most especially if said provider is the sole provider.

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Appendix A. Text from *Resolution to Investigate Alternative, Permanent Funding for University Ambulance Services*

I recommend that the Senate adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. is the sole ambulance service provider to the State University of New York at Stony Brook; and

Whereas, the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. is additionally an ambulance service provider to the surrounding areas of the State University of New York at Stony Brook; and

Whereas, the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. serves a population of over forty-five thousand people; and

Whereas, the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. has a list of operational costs in order to simply meet the codes, rules and regulations dictated by the Department of Health of the State of New York; and

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government of the State University of New York at Stony Brook is the primary source of funding (approximately 54 percent) for the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc.; and

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Body of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, a population of 16,003 (as of Fall 2012), is the absolute source of said approximately 54 percent of funding for the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc.; and

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government of the State University of New York at Stony Brook is funded through the Student Activity Fee; and

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Body of the State University of New York at Stony Brook shall, every two years, determine by referendum whether the Student Activity Fee shall be either voluntary or mandatory; and

Whereas, if the Undergraduate Student Body of the State University of New York at Stony Brook determines that the Student Activity Fee shall be voluntary, the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. cannot feasibly meet the codes, rules and regulations dictated by the Department of Health of the State of New York through the remaining sources of funding; and

Whereas, the State University of New York at Stony Brook will not have an ambulance service provider if the Student Activity Fee shall be voluntary; and

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Whereas, there are other Undergraduate and Graduate Student Governments/Associations of State Universities of New York that are the primary, or sole source of funding for their respective State University of New York's ambulance service provider; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Undergraduate Student Government of the State University of New York at Stony Brook supports the exploration for alternative, permanent funding for the sole ambulance service provider, Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc., to the State University of New York at Stony Brook; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Undergraduate Student Government of the State University of New York at Stony Brook suggest that the inclusion of an Ambulance Service Fee to the mandatory Student Health Services Fee be considered during the exploration; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Undergraduate Student Government of the State University of New York at Stony Brook supports the exploration for alternative, permanent funding for ambulance service providers to all State Universities of New York; and finally, be it

Resolved, that the Undergraduate Student Government of the State University of New York at Stony Brook appeals to the Student Assembly of the State University of New York, the State University of New York Board of Trustees, the Governor of the State of New York, and New York State Legislature to intently explore alternative, permanent funding for ambulance service providers to all State Universities of New York.

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Appendix B. Text from *Expected Income & Expected Expenses for the Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc.*

Expected Income	-	-
Source	Amount	Payment Plan
Undergraduate Student Government (year)	\$164,435.00	Over two checks
Undergraduate Student Government (summer)	\$8,763.70	One-time payment
Graduate Student Organization	\$2,000.00	One-time payment
State of New York	\$100,000.00	Quarterly (1st of July, November, March, and then July)
Athletics	\$25,000.00	Invoices throughout the year -- Projected income
HQ Vending Machine / Donations / Independent	Varies	Varies
Total Expected Income	\$300,198.70	-

Expected Expenses	-
Executive	\$78,929.95
Operations	\$219,152.58
Total Expected Expenses	\$298,082.53
Expected Expenses -- Executive	-
<u>President</u>	-
<i>Membership Funds</i>	\$16,250.00
<i>Advertising</i>	\$250.00
<i>Total</i>	\$16,500.00
<u>Vice President</u>	-

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<i>Insurance</i>	\$61,500.00
<i>Printer</i>	\$750.00
<i>HQ Amenities</i>	\$3,500.00
<i>HQ Supplies</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>HQ Renovations</i>	\$300.00
<i>GMM Food</i>	\$350.00
<i>Total</i>	\$67,400.00
<u>Treasurer</u>	-
<i>Ledger</i>	\$29.95
<i>Quickbooks</i>	-
<i>Tax Preparation</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Total</i>	\$5,029.95
<u>Secretary</u>	-
<i>Total</i>	-
Expected Expenses -- Operations	-
<u>Chief</u>	-
<i>Total</i>	-
<u>1st Assistant Chief</u>	-
<i>New 800 Radios</i>	\$3,158.26
<i>ALS Supplies</i>	\$20,000.00
<i>CC Training Supplies</i>	\$50.00
<i>Pagers/Repair</i>	\$1,500.00
<i>Rig Phone Plan/Upgrade</i>	\$3,000.00
<i>Lifepak Payment</i>	\$22,814.69
<i>Lifepak Data Plan</i>	\$795.96

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<i>Lifepak Purchase</i>	-
<i>Total</i>	\$41,318.91
<u>2nd Assistant Chief</u>	-
<i>New Vehicle</i>	\$35,000.00
<i>17 Payment</i>	\$33,000.00
<i>16 Payment</i>	\$19,333.67
<i>Maintenance</i>	\$60,000.00
<i>Fuel</i>	\$9,000.00
<i>Physicals</i>	-
<i>Total</i>	\$156,333.67
<u>Captain</u>	-
<i>Training Supplies</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Probie Uniforms</i>	\$500.00
<i>Total</i>	\$2,500.00
<u>Lieutenant</u>	-
<i>BLS Supplies</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Equipment Maintenance</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Uniforms</i>	\$3,000.00
<i>Total</i>	\$9,000.00

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Appendix C. Text from *Resolution to Support Proposed Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. Funding Plan*

I recommend that the Senate adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government at Stony Brook University passed the Resolution to Investigate Alternative, Permanent Funding for University Ambulance Services; and

Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government at Stony Brook University supported the exploration for alternative, permanent funding for the sole ambulance provider, Stony Brook Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. (SBVAC), to Stony Brook University; and

Whereas, the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Chief Budget Officer Lyle Gomes proposes the attached SBVAC Funding Plan, to take effect immediately; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Undergraduate Student Government at Stony Brook University supports the attached SBVAC Funding Plan, and is committed to upholding the provisions of the agreement.

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Appendix D. Text from *SBU USG/SBVAC Funding Plan Proposed (Draft)*

USG agrees to provide fiscal support of SBVAC from here forward as per the following:

FY 2013/14: \$164,435 fiscal support from USG to SBVAC
FY 2014/15: \$139,000 fiscal support from USG to SBVAC
FY 2015/16: \$114,000 fiscal support from USG to SBVAC
FY 2016/17: \$ 89,000 fiscal support from USG to SBVAC
FY 2017/18: \$ 64,000 fiscal support from USG to SBVAC
FY 2018/19: \$ 40,000 fiscal support from USG to SBVAC

USG shall continue funding SBVAC at the FY 2018/19 level for FY 2019/20, to a maximum 5% increase contingent upon SBVAC need.

Thereafter, USG shall fund SBVAC at the previous year funding level subject to a maximum 5% increase contingent upon SBVAC need.

Example:

FY 2019/20: \$42,000 maximum fiscal support from USG to SBVAC
FY 2020/21: \$44,100 maximum fiscal support from USG to SBVAC
FY 2021/22: \$46,305 maximum fiscal support from USG to SBVAC
FY 2022/23: \$48,620 maximum fiscal support from USG to SBVAC
And so forth.

SBVAC shall communicate in writing/email fiscal need from USG (to a maximum increase of 5% from preceding fiscal year's funding) in writing prior to February 28 of the fiscal year preceding the request. Should SBVAC not communicate fiscal need, USG funding shall remain at the preceding fiscal year level.

SBVAC may request an increase above the 5% maximum in the event of extraordinary circumstances. Such request will be granted subject to USG budget processes such request is made in writing/email prior to February 28 of the fiscal year preceding the request.