



RESOLUTION

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

**FROM: Michael Hegarty, University Colleges Representative & Student
Affairs Committee, Brockport Student Government**

DATE: Monday, February 29, 2016

SUBJECT: Student Groups and Student Government Association Direct Action

Action Requested

We call on the Student Assembly Executive Committee to acknowledge the right of student groups and student government associations to organize and take part in acts of nonviolent direct action against SUNY wide policies their student body disagrees with.

Resolution

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

Whereas the power by which students may be heard is considerably limited;

Whereas nonviolent direct action is a method of protest uniquely suited for student groups and student government associations to voice their discontent;

Whereas there is a known history of nonviolent direct action accomplishing the objectives of those who implement it;

Whereas nonviolent direct action often brings to light issues not well known among those in power;

Whereas nonviolent direct action poses no personal safety threat to students, faculty, staff, and administrators;

Whereas the Student Assembly of the State University of New York's primary responsibility is to represent and advocate for the interests of the SUNY student body in the shared governance of the SUNY system;

Whereas direct action allows students to directly voice their interests in the SUNY system;

Whereas in recent months, thousands of students throughout the State University of New York have organized and taken parts in nonviolent direct action with meaningful results; and therefore, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York encourage student groups and student government associations reach out to SUNYSA regarding their issues of concern; and, be it further

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York acknowledge and endorse the right of student groups and student government associations to organize and take part in acts of nonviolent direct action; and, be it further

Resolved that whenever feasible, the Student Assembly of the State University of New York seek to actively support, facilitate, and organize nonviolent direct action amongst the student groups and student government associations of the State University of New York on matters of a University wide nature which affect student concerns; and, be it further

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York meaningfully acknowledge the concerns raised by students participating in acts of nonviolent direct action; and, be it further

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York pledge to address the issues raised by students participating in acts of nonviolent direct action; and, finally be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York will forward copies of this resolution to the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.