



The State University of New York
Student Assembly

Community College Committee

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RESOLUTION

TO: SUNY Student Assembly

FROM: Community Colleges Committee

DATE: April 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Community College Shared Governance

Action Requested

We call upon community colleges throughout the SUNY system to strengthen student governments and expand student roles in campus governance.

Resolution

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

Whereas shared governance on SUNY campuses including students is essential for system-wide success and fairness; and

Whereas, students from several community colleges in the SUNY system have raised concerns about inadequate student government structures and unsatisfactory representation in decision making processes on their campuses; and

Whereas, no state laws or SUNY system policies exist to codify the rights of community college student governments in shared governance participation or student activity fee management; and, therefore be it

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly calls on every SUNY community college campus administration to ensure that students on their campus have a recognized student government; and be it further

Resolved that each campus should establish a regular transparent election process for students to choose their leadership; and be it further

Resolved that each campus should include student representation on all major decision making bodies on their campus; and be it further

Resolved that the recognized student government of each campus should be a primary manager of how student activity fees are spent; and be it further

Resolved that we call on the SUNY System to partner the Student Assembly to review community college student governments and provide recommendations to community college campuses on best practice for student governments and student roles in shared governance; and finally be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly will send this resolution to the SUNY Board of Trustees, Chancellor Zimpfer, Senior Vice-Chancellor for Community Colleges and the Education Pipeline Johanna Duncan-Poitier, each SUNY Community College President, and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges.