



RESOLUTION 1516-120

TO: Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Burgandi Rakoska, Chair of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Bridget Doyle, Chair of Campus Safety

DATE: March 25th, 2016

SUBJECT: Areas of Rescue Assistance in Buildings on SUNY Campuses

Action Requested

We request that SUNY investigate the feasibility of installing Areas of Rescue Assistance in the applicable buildings on all SUNY campuses.

Resolution

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

Whereas the safety of all SUNY students should be a top priority; and

Whereas people with physical disabilities and mobility impairments are physically incapable of evacuating from multi-story buildings; and

Whereas in the event of an emergency, people with physical disabilities and mobility impairments need to have a safe plan in place for assistance or evacuation; and

Whereas the Americans With Disabilities Act defines an Area of Rescue Assistance as “an area, which has direct access to an exit, where people who are unable to use stairs may remain temporarily in safety to await

further instructions or assistance during emergency evacuation.”¹ and therefore, be it

Resolved that the State University of New York investigates the feasibility of installing Areas of Rescue Assistance in the applicable buildings on all SUNY campuses; and be it

Resolved that individual SUNY campuses communicate with students with disabilities to ensure that there is a coherent evacuation plan set in place in the event of an emergency, 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 Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

¹ <http://www.housingdevices.com/pdfs/ADAact.pdf>