



## **Sustainability Committee**

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### **RESOLUTION**

**TO: Members of the Executive Committee**

**FROM: Zachary Beaudoin, Chair of Sustainability**  
**Morgan Wood, Executive Aide**

**DATE: Saturday, September 26, 2015**

**SUBJECT: Alignment with The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

#### **Action Requested**

Because aligning the Student Assembly of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York with The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is the best way to align SUNYSA with the SUNY Global Affairs' vision for all SUNY. To create a better better global community that will ultimately make SUNY a leader when it comes to global change.

#### **Resolution**

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

Whereas SUNY Global's vision states that they are committed to the creation of opportunities for all SUNY students to gain a global and intercultural perspective of themselves, their society and their area of study as an essential part of a well-rounded twenty-first century education;

Whereas the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from the The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will help create a more inclusive environment for all 465,000 SUNY students;

Whereas Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) consist of 17 goals with 169 targets for member states within the United Nations to strive for by 2030;

Whereas implementation of SDGs are following the previous agenda of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);

Whereas millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have helped in cutting extreme poverty in half with the power of partnerships. Most importantly, the MDGs helped to kick-start progress where it was lacking;

Whereas the MDGs have proven that with concentration and effort, even the most persistent global problems can be tackled. The post-2015 goals should remain focused on eliminating the multiple dimensions of extreme poverty, but they also need to address emerging global realities;

Whereas the need for new global development goals ensures a more inclusive agenda summarized by the five P's: People, Planet ,Prosperity, Peace and Partnership.

- People: We are determined to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.
- Planet: We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.
- Prosperity: We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social, and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature.
- Peace: We are determined to foster peaceful, just, and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.
- Partnership: We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this agenda through a revitalised Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focussed in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people.

Whereas; The State University of New York will be leaders as being the largest college system in the world consisting of 64 campuses to partner with the SDGs. The only other universities to also be doing this are the Japanese universities: Tokyo Institute of Technology, Kansai University, Keio University, Kyoto University, Nagasaki University, Ritsumeikan University, The University of Tokyo and Tohoku University;

Whereas putting SUNY at the forefront of SDGs, we begin to participate in global solutions that won't only increase SUNY's competitive edge while furthering its precedent of being a global leader;

Whereas studies show that students choose campuses based on how good the college's reputation for its social activities and involvement;

Whereas aligning our campuses removes the sense of borders that international students often feel, because similar to the United Nations, when it comes to SDGs all countries are striving for a common goal;

Resolved that the students of the SUNY call for the entire network of SUNY universities to align themselves with the Sustainable Development Goals in order to create a more inclusive global SUNY community amongst all SUNY campuses;

Resolved that SUNY plan to be involved with the implementation of the SDGs knowing that although not every goal and target is feasible for SUNY to achieve, we hope to improve the world with the agenda in their greatest capacity;

Resolved that SUNY continues to create a socially conscious system that not only benefits SUNY but the world;

Resolved that SUNY aligns itself with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to continue the precedent of being a national and global leader;

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, SUNY Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs Sally Crimmins Villela, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.