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### **Statement in Support of SUNY New Data Collection Survey**

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The Executive Committee of the Student Assembly for the State University of New York supports the continued efforts by SUNY to promote equity and inclusion. We believe that the *New Data Collection Survey* is an effective means of collecting pertinent information. Ensuring adequate services for all students on every one of our campuses is vital. *The New Data Collection Survey* promotes confidentiality while offering campuses insight into such necessary data as sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, and students with disabilities. Once campuses receive the aggregate data it is critical that they effectively utilize the information to better allocate resources in an effort to best serve the needs of their unique campus populations.

Additionally, we support the measures being taken to ensure that the data collected remains confidential and that students have the ability to opt-out of individual questions, or, should they choose, the survey in its entirety. These measures will serve to enhance students' comfortability about sharing sensitive information.