



MEMORANDUM 1617-17

June 4, 2016

TO: Members of the Executive Committee

FROM: Marc J. Cohen, President

SUBJECT: Appointment of Burgandi Rakoska as the Co-Chair of the Equity and Inclusion Committee

Action Requested

The proposed resolution appoints Burgandi Rakoska as the Co-Chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

Resolution

I recommend that the Executive Committee adopt the following resolution:

Resolved that Burgandi Rakoska be, and hereby is appointed Co-Chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee effective immediately. This appointment shall continue from the date of appointment until May 31, 2017.

Background

Appointed by the Executive Committee, the Co-Chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee will report to the Vice President and be a part of the President's Cabinet.

The Co-Chair of the Equity and Inclusion Committee will be responsible to the Executive Board, the Executive Committee, and the Student Assembly on matters including but not limited to services and issues related to Equity and Inclusion.

The Co-Chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee will be responsible to:

- Serve as a representative for SUNY students to the SUNY Student Assembly, SUNY Administration and the State of New York with concerns regarding equality and inclusion.
- Work on issues pertaining to the proper maintenance of diversity and pluralism in SUNY, initiating and coordinating the dissemination of information on diversity through Executive Committee members.
- Coordinate all Student Assembly efforts and initiatives that promote awareness of equality and inclusion.
- Work with any student government that requests assistance with their own campus efforts.
- Make recommendations on policies of the Student Assembly regarding diversity.
- Present workshops or round table discussions at the SUNY SA spring and fall conferences on present and future goals and agendas.
- Assist the President and Vice President with other relevant tasks as requested.

Burgandi's resume may be found through Google Drive or upon request.