



## **RESOLUTION**

**TO: Members of the Executive Committee**

**FROM: Rey Muniz III, Director of Legislative Affairs**

**DATE: Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**SUBJECT: Legislative Agenda Authorization**

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### **Action Requested**

Approve the 2016-2017 Legislative Agenda for State and Federal Advocacy

### **Resolution**

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

Whereas Government policy, both state and federal, is crucial to the success and future of the SUNY System be it therefore

Resolved that the 2016-2017 legislative agenda shall be:

- The Student Assembly Rational Reinvestment Plan
  - See Attached [Supplemental Document](#)
- Textbook Affordability
  - Encouraging the State to create a task force to identify key strategies for textbook cost reduction
- Continued support for Childcare Centers
  - Advocate for budget increases to childcare centers on SUNY campuses to provide affordable childcare to students, faculty, staff, and community members

- Long-Term Commitment to Mental Health Resource Centers
  - Advocate the state for a multi-year fiscal commitment to bolster the budgets of SUNY mental health resource centers and counseling services
- Mandate Action on Food Security
  - Mandate all SUNY Campuses to develop a long term plan to reduce or eliminate food insecurity on their campuses including financial based food insecurity, geographic food insecurity, religious preferences, and allergy related food insecurity.
  - Request competitive grant funding to help campuses enact their plans to reduce food insecurity
- Increased Commitment to College Preparedness Programs
  - Advocate the state for increased fiscal commitment to programs that encourage college preparedness particularly in urban and socio-economically challenged areas
- SUNY Student Assembly Funding
  - Explore possibilities to increase SUNYSA's funding through direct increases or development of an independent funding plan
- Unfunded Sustainability mandates
  - Advocating the state to cease unfunded sustainability mandates through 2020 and committing to providing fiscal support for state enacted sustainability initiatives through that period
- Disability Access/ADA Compliance updates
  - Encourage the federal government to regularly update ADA requirements to reflect the needs of both physical and invisible disabilities

and be it furthermore

Resolved The Legislative affairs committee reserves the right, in consultation with the President and the Executive Committee, to enact this agenda with reasonable autonomy in order to preserve their ability to react to shifting political dynamics; and be it furthermore

Resolved that this agenda and its supplementary documentation be delivered to the pertinent offices and officers as determined by the Legislative Affairs committee and the Director of Legislative Affairs.