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**RESOLUTION 1617-48**

**TO: Members of the Executive Committee**

**FROM: Katherine G. Holmok, Agriculture, Technology, & Statutory Schools Representative**

**DATE: October 15, 2016**

**SUBJECT: Mandatory Notice of Construction**

**Action Requested**

Request that the State University of New York call upon all 64 SUNY colleges to institute notices of upcoming construction that are accessible to all students.

**Resolution**

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

Whereas the State University of New York, with its 64 institutions, is fully committed to the well-being and safety of its students; and

Whereas there is a SUNY-wide effort to increase transparency and accessibility; and

Whereas reconfigurations of physical space can create barriers and safety concerns for people living with disabilities; and

Whereas there is a need to inform students, particularly students with visual impairments and/or physical disabilities, of upcoming construction that may affect them adversely; and

Whereas all SUNY campuses are responsible for providing reasonable accommodations in regards to accessibility to all students; therefore be it

Resolved that mandatory construction notice be established for all 29 state-operated SUNY colleges in order to inform students of upcoming construction projects in a timely manner; and be it further

Resolved that construction announcements be disseminated by each respective campus in a way that is accessible to their student body, including the visually impaired: and be it further

Resolved that the local Boards of Trustees of the 30 community colleges operating under the program of the State University, as well as the Boards of Trustees of the statutory colleges of the State University as defined by Articles 115 and 123 of New York State Education Law, are strongly encouraged to consider mandating similar construction notices as outlined within this resolution; 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, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.