



The State University of New York  
Student Assembly

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**RESOLUTION 1617-49**

**TO: Members of the Executive Committee**

**FROM: Patrick J. Gareau, Treasurer**

**DATE: October 15, 2016**

**SUBJECT: Student Representation on Campus Presidential Searches**

**Action Requested**

The SUNY Student Assembly calls on SUNY to revise their guidelines for the membership of campus Presidential Search Committees to include more student representation.

**Resolution**

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

Whereas the SUNY guidelines for conducting presidential searches recommend that one student be a member of the campus presidential search committee ; and

Whereas students are the largest and most impacted of any stakeholder by the result of campus presidential searches ; and

Whereas the University at Albany Student Association passed a resolution calling for more than one student to be included on their presidential search committee on October 13, 2016 ; and

Whereas the SUNY Student Assembly supports increasing student representation in campus governance; and therefore, be it

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly calls upon SUNY to revise their presidential search guidelines to include more than one student on search committees and that students be selected in consultation, with and from, recommendations from the applicable campus student government; and, finally, be it

Resolved that this resolution be delivered to the SUNY Chancellor and SUNY Board of Trustees.



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<b>S.1617-050R</b>	<b>DATE INTRODUCED:</b> October 13, 2016
<b>SPONSORED BY:</b> Sen. Ostro	<b>COMMITTEE:</b> N/A
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Student Representation for Presidential Search Committee	<b>COMMITTEE VOTE:</b> N/A
<b>SENATE VOTE:</b>	<b>LEGISLATIVE RESULT:</b>

**Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:**

- I. WHEREAS, Robert Jones resigned as University at Albany President effective September 30, 2016; and
- II. WHEREAS, The University is currently creating a Presidential Search Committee to conduct an international search for the next President of the University at Albany; and
- III. WHEREAS, There will be only one student representative on the committee, representing the interests of upwards of 13,000 undergraduate and 4,000 graduate students; and
- IV. WHEREAS, Student input in the presidential search will provide an important perspective and help ensure that the next President is committed to student engagement; and
- V. WHEREAS, The University at Albany has the discretion to allow for greater student representation on the Presidential Search Committee; and
- VI. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Student Association urges the University Council to include two undergraduate students and one graduate student on the Presidential Search Committee; and
- VII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Student Association encourages the SUNY Board of Trustees to amend the SUNY Guidelines to reflect a greater desire for student input in the selection process for University Presidents; and
- VIII. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Student Association urges that the elected undergraduate and graduate

student Presidents be given input on the selection of the student representatives to the Presidential Search Committee; and

IX. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Michael Castellana, Chairman of the

University Council; Nancy Zimpher, Chancellor of the State University of New York; and Alex Cartwright, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of the State University of New York.

*Felix N. Abreu, President*

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*Passed by the Senate*

**I, Jarrett Altilio, attest this is a true and valid record of action taken by the Student Association Senate on the date provided.**

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*Jarrett Altilio, Senate Chair*