



The State University of New York  
Student Assembly

## Executive Committee

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### RESOLUTION

**TO: SUNYSA Executive Committee**  
**FROM: Jessica Accardi, Treasurer**  
**DATE: March 12, 2016**  
**SUBJECT: 2016-2017 SUNY SA Budget Request**

#### Action Requested

The following is a resolution to adopt the attached budget request for fiscal year 2016-17.

#### Resolution

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

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly supports the budget proposal for the 2016-17 year as attached.



**SUNY Student Assembly  
Budget Request Briefing  
2016-17**

## **I. Executive Summary:**

The SUNY Student Assembly (SUNYSA) plays a critical role in fostering system-wide success rooted in the principal of shared governance. During the 2015-16 academic year, SUNYSA has provided students throughout the state with leadership opportunities, guidance, and unified advocacy efforts. Our mission is to continue improving these efforts and ensure that students, the primary stakeholder in the SUNY system, are well represented in the process of developing policy. A strong investment in SUNYSA will empower students and highlight New York State and SUNY's to its unique partnership between faculty, administration, and students.

SUNYSA's 2015-16 budget of \$56,100 insufficiently reflects that students are an equal partner in shared governance, especially when compared to historical funding as high as \$68,300 in 2007. Now that New York's revenue has benefited from an economic recovery, SUNYSA should have its funding restored in order to build on the successes of recent years, despite strained finances, and flourish as an organization.

In order to properly represent students throughout the states, SUNYSA leadership needs to regularly travel to hear student concerns. The monthly Executive Committee meetings are vital to consistently make progress on initiatives that students develop. Attending conferences for leadership development helps SUNYSA leaders be effective in their advocacy. SUNYSA is thankful that SUNY has helped supplement the organization's budget with funding for conferences and travel, but it would be better budgeting and fairer for SUNYSA to have these funds included in its budget.

A \$70,000 investment in 2016-17 for SUNYSA, which is less than one faculty member's salary, will give students the resources to do all of the essential functions listed above and continue building a uniquely strong culture of shared governance in the SUNY system.

## **II. Budget Descriptions**

- 1. Stipends:** The budget contains \$15,000 for stipends for the executive board in the same amount as 2015-16:
- 2. Conference Deposits:** The budget contains \$18,000, the same amount as 2015-16, for conference deposits.
- 3. Speaker for conferences:** \$4,000 for speakers at conferences provides valuable education for attendees.
- 4. EC Meeting Travel:** \$20,000 allows SUNYSA to cover transportation and lodging for the executive committee.

5. **Rep. Campus travel:** This is a new \$3,000 budget line that will allow executive committee representatives to travel to their campuses.
6. **Albany Advocacy Day:** This is a new budget line for an event that SUNYSA received supplemental funding from SUNY for in 2015-16.
7. **DC Advocacy Day:** This is a new budget line for an event that SUNYSA received supplemental funding from SUNY for in 2015-16.
8. **Copy center/print:** \$2,000 to cover materials for meetings, conference, and advocacy.
9. **Miscellaneous:** \$1,000

<b>Student Assembly Budget Request 2016-2017</b>		
<b>Stipends</b>		
President	\$479.17 x12	\$5,750.04
Vice President	\$354.17 x12	\$4,250.04
Treasurer	\$208.33 x12	\$2,499.96
Secretary	\$208.33 x12	\$2,499.96
<b>Stipend Total</b>	\$1,250	\$15,000
Conference Deposits	\$9,000 x2	\$18,000
Speaker for Conferences	\$2,000 x2	\$4,000
EC Meeting Travel		\$20,000
Rep. Campus Travel		\$3,000
Albany Advocacy Day		\$4,000
DC Advocacy Day		\$3,000
Copy Center/Print		\$2,000
Miscellaneous		\$1,000
<b>Total Budget</b>		<b>\$70,000</b>