



**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**  
**SUNY STUDENT ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS**  
**APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> SPRING CONFERENCE**  
**SARATOGA SPRINGS**

**1516-108 Student Government Association Direct Action**

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York encourage student groups and student government associations reach out to SUNYSA regarding their issues of concern; and, be it further

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York acknowledge and endorse the right of student groups and student government associations to organize and take part in acts of nonviolent direct action; and, be it further

Resolved that whenever feasible, the Student Assembly of the State University of New York seek to actively support, facilitate, and organize nonviolent direct action amongst the student groups and student government associations of the State University of New York on matters of a University wide nature which affect student concerns; and, be it further

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York meaningfully acknowledge the concerns raised by students participating in acts of nonviolent direct action; and, be it further

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York pledge to address the issues raised by students participating in acts of nonviolent direct action; and, finally be it

This resolution was passed with an overwhelming majority. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**1516-109 CORCRAFT**

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York adopt the stance that preferred source status in the case of *CORCRAFT* must be revoked; and be it,

Resolved that the Executive Committee of the Student Assembly draft a letter to be sent to every member of the state legislature calling on them to revoke CORCRAFT's preferred source status and to accentuate the point that while felons may not have the ability to vote, those directly affected by this issue include the families of those incarcerated as well as the families of those apart of NYCID and NYSPSP; and finally be it,

Resolved that the Student Assembly will send this resolution to the SUNY Board of Trustees,

Chancellor Zimpher, The University Faculty Senate, and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges.

This resolution was passed with a vote count of 61-6-1. It was adopted on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-110 Ban The Box**

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly recommend that criminal history screenings should only be implemented after a student has been admitted, and that they should never be used to revoke admission; and, be it further

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly recommend that whenever possible, the SUNY System and SUNY Colleges and Universities work with local prisons to offer courses to individuals while incarcerated; and, be it further

Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, but not limited to, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Student Assembly, SUNY Campus Presidents, Joseph Porter, the Chair of the SUNY Ban the Box Committee, and SUNY Student Government Associations;

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly call on SUNY System Administration to eliminate criminal history screenings from the general SUNY application

This resolution was passed with a vote count of 53-10-7. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-111 Gender Inclusive SUNY Applications**

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly recommend that criminal history screenings should only be implemented after a student has been admitted, and that they should never be used to revoke admission; and, be it further

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly recommend that whenever possible, the SUNY System and SUNY Colleges and Universities work with local prisons to offer courses to individuals while incarcerated; and, be it further

Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, but not limited to, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Student Assembly, SUNY Campus Presidents, Joseph Porter, the Chair of the SUNY Ban the Box Committee, and SUNY Student Government Associations;

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly call on SUNY System Administration to eliminate criminal history screenings from the general SUNY application

This resolution was passed with unanimous consent of the assembly. It was adopted on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-112 Early Registration**

Resolved that all 64 SUNY Campuses look into allowing students with military backgrounds the opportunity to register early for classes; 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, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, all Military and/or Veterans' Affairs offices, System Counterparts, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed with a vote count of 51-2-1. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-113 Strengthening Community College Shared Governance**

Resolved that the SUNY Student Assembly calls on every SUNY community college campus administration to ensure that students on their campus have a recognized student government; and be it further

Resolved that each campus should establish a regular transparent election process for students to choose their leadership; and be it further

Resolved that each campus should include student representation on all major decision making bodies on their campus; and be it further

Resolved that the recognized student government of each campus should be a primary manager of how student activity fees are spent; and be it further

Resolved that we call on the SUNY System to partner the Student Assembly to review community college student governments and provide recommendations to community college campuses on best practice for student governments and student roles in shared governance; and finally be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly will send this resolution to the SUNY Board of Trustees, Chancellor Zimpher, Senior Vice-chancellor for Community Colleges and the Education Pipeline Johanna Duncan-Poitier, each SUNY Community College President, and the Faculty Council of Community Colleges.

This resolution was passed with unanimous consent of the assembly. It was adopted on April 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-114 SUNY Divestment from Fossil Fuels**

Resolved that the students of SUNY recommend to the entire SUNY System including its related entities and both State Operated and Community Colleges to immediately freeze any new investment in fossil-fuel companies and direct ownership;

Resolved that we call for the gradual divestment of coal and gradual divestment of other fossil fuels to begin by the year 2017;

Resolved that we advocate for SUNY to invest in Socially Responsible Investments to include, but not be limited to companies in the energy sector;

Resolved that in following SUNY's mission statement, it should show leadership by investing in progressive companies that will lead us to a clean energy future;

Resolved that when applicable, we suggest that SUNY continues to invest in companies across NY as an extension of the "Buy NY" initiative with the intention of growing their industries and the economy;

Resolved that we call for SUNY to follow and exceed California State University's leadership in divestment by fully divesting;

This resolution was passed with a vote count of 56-7-2. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-115 Indigenous Peoples' Day**

Resolved that Student Assembly of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York call on each campus include annual educational programming facilitated by the Chief Diversity Office to coincide with Indigenous Peoples' Day;

Resolved that Student Assembly of the State University of New York calls on each campus' Chief Academic Officer to add "Indigenous Peoples' Day" as the second Monday in October to the future academic calendars;

Resolved that Student Assembly of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York call on each SUNY campus seek to promote and facilitate further courses on Native American History and culture as part of the general education diversity requirement;

Resolved that Student Assembly of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York calls on each campus to undertake additional initiatives to celebrate and educate our students and communities about the indigenous people in our community on the model of SUNY ESF;

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed an overwhelming majority of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-116 SUNY Discretionary Purchasing**

Resolved that we request that the Food Metrics Bill be amended to provide a clause to say that SUNY campuses are required to buy New York when the product can't be sourced locally; and, be it further

Resolved the Student Assembly calls on all campuses to both buy NY and set a goal to increase their purchasing of locally sourced food; and, be it further,

Resolved that Student Assembly encourages all campuses to transition away from big corporate food service contracts such as but not limited to Sodexo and Aramark; and be it further,

Resolved that the Student Assembly requests that campuses get suppliers that are reputable and provide quality wholesome food; and, finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, Commissioner of the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Richard A. Ball, Jen McCormick the First Deputy Commissioner for A and M, Geoff Palmer the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for A and M, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed a majority of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-117 Sustainable Campuses**

Resolved that SUNY campuses integrate environmental stewardship into all campus practices, including course work, residence life, student activities, construction/renovation, and campus and auxiliary operations and, finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed an overwhelming majority of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-118 Research and Development**

Resolved that we call on New York State to provide more money for research and development in order to clean up, protect, and revitalize our lakes and water sources; and, finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed an overwhelming majority of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-119 Crunch Day**

Resolved that SUNY call on their campuses to participate in a Crunch Day to celebrate NYS apples and Buy NY; and, be it further

Resolved that campuses hand out apples and seek to educate students about New York agriculture; and, finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed with a majority of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-120 Areas of Rescue Assistance**

Resolved that the State University of New York investigates the feasibility of installing Areas of Rescue Assistance in the applicable buildings on all SUNY campuses; and be it

Resolved that individual SUNY campuses communicate with students with disabilities to ensure that there is a coherent evacuation plan set in place in the event of an emergency, 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, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed with unanimous consent of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-121 Expansion of Distance Learning Across the State University**

Resolved that the SUNY System Administration promote efforts to allow SUNY students to cross-register for online courses; and be it further

Resolved that the State University of New York encourage campuses to allow cross-registered online coursework to be used for major requirements, either as elective courses or in place of required courses as determined by a student's academic advisor or the logical equivalent thereof; and be it further

Resolved that Provosts and Chief Academic Officers or the designees thereof work with students to advise on the process of evaluating cross-registered online credits for major requirements and electives; and be it further

Resolved that students are provided with a listing of credits previously accepted for degree programs in their area of study from other SUNY campus' online coursework; and finally, be it

Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed to all relevant parties, including but not limited to the SUNY Board of Trustees, Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Alexander Cartwright, the University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, the Presidents and Provosts/Chief Academic Officers of each Campus, the Student Presidents of SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed with an overwhelming majority of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-122 Universal Accessibility Assessments**

Resolved that SUNY SA calls on all SUNY SGA's recognize the failure of prevailing federal policy in ensuring universally accessible campuses from the user's perspective; and let it further be

Resolved that SUNY SA enforce user-perspective accessibility audits to be facilitated and/or supported by SUNY SGA's in conjunction, wherever possible, with a universal accessibility advocate or advocating group to evaluate and report on the accessibility of campus facilities and resources; and let it further be

Resolved that these reports be presented to the respective campus administration for review and consideration for necessary restructure.

Resolved That the SUNY Student Assembly forward a copy of this resolution to the presidents of SUNY SGA's, the 2016-17 SUNY Student Assembly President-Elect, SUNYSA Delegates and Representatives, and the SUNY Student Assembly Equity and Inclusion Committee Chair.

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed unanimous consent of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-124 Fossil Fuel Divestment Act Resolution of Support**

Resolved the SUNY Student Assembly supports the Fossil Fuel Divestment Act to direct the State Comptroller to divest the NYS Common Retirement Fund from companies engaged in the production of fossil fuels;

Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, but not limited to, Assembly Assistant Speaker Felix W. Ortiz, State Senator Liz Krueger, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, and SUNY Campus Presidents.

This resolution was passed an overwhelming majority of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-126 SUNY Solution for our Military/Veteran Students**

Resolved that according to SUNY's Mission Statement to be "fully representative of all segments of the population" and to "establish tuition which most effectively promotes the university's access goals" we need to work together to find a SUNY Solution for our Military/Veteran students;

Resolved that the SUNY Federal Government Relations Team continue to work with and step up the pressure on all parties involved with the Federal Tuition Assistance Program to raise the cap pursuant to the 21<sup>st</sup> century tuition rates;

Resolved that in order to continue to be classified as "Military Friendly" that all parties work together to ensure a viable solution; such as charging Military/Veteran students a rate no higher than that set by the Department of Defense Federal Tuition Assistance Program so that our Military/Veteran students can continue with and be successful in their educational endeavors without the stress of additional tuition expenses; and finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this resolution to the Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, New York State Senate and Assembly, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Federal Government Relations Team, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, all Military and/or Veterans' Affairs offices, SUNY System Counterparts, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed with a vote of 51-2-1. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-127 Resolution for Reinvestment in the State University of New York**

Resolved the the Student Assembly of the State University of New York call upon the State of New York to implement drastic reinvestment in the State University of New York; and, be it further,

Resolved that this reinvestment be sufficient as to implement a long term tuition freeze for all students enrolled in the State University of New York and renew the financial sustainability of the 64 member institutions; and, be it further

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York will forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed unanimous consent of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **1516-128 Recognizing Latino Heritage Month**

Therefore be it resolved; that the SUNY Student Assembly recognize "Latino Heritage Month" as the more inclusive and proper terminology to be used when celebrating Latino culture in the State University of New York System and that we will support any efforts made by students to



expand this resolution to the New York State and the United States of America as a whole and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to all New York State Senators, the University at Albany President, Dr. Robert Jones and also to the office of the State Governor, Andrew M. Cuomo.

This resolution was passed a vote count of 49-0-2. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-129 Childcare Funding Increase**

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York calls for the State of New York to increase the funding for SUNY childcare centers to at least 10% of the operating cost. Be it further,

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed a vote count of 65-4-3. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-61 No Food Waste**

Resolved that we call on SUNY campuses to donate all edible leftover food to food pantries or nonprofits that assist those in need; and, finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, SUNY Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs Sally Crimmins Villela, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed an overwhelming majority of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-62 Resolution Requesting Modification of Family Medical Leave Policy**

Resolved that we call on SUNY to adopt these modifications; and, be it further

Resolved that we call on SUNY to ensure that all policies do not contain gender bias; and, be it further

Resolved that faculty are not in any way punished or negatively affected for taking a leave of absence under these provisions; and, finally, be it

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this resolution within 20 days upon its passing to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Lt. Governor

Kathleen C. Hochul, the members of the New York State Legislature, the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, SUNY Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs Sally Crimmins Villela, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed an overwhelming majority of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-62 Trayless**

Resolved that SUNYSA encourages campuses eliminate trays in all of the dining facilities when feasible with the exception of those needed for students with a disability; and, be it further

Resolved that SUNY campuses start to monitor the food waste pre and post consumer that their dining facilities create; 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, SUNY Assistant Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs Sally Crimmins Villela, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed an overwhelming majority of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-81 Early Registration**

Resolved that all 64 SUNY Campuses look into allowing students with military backgrounds the opportunity to register early for classes; 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, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, all Military and/or Veterans' Affairs offices, System Counterparts, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.

This resolution was passed the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-130 Service Recognition of Thomas Mastro**

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York hereby recognizes and appreciates the dedicated efforts and achievements of Mr. Mastro; and, be it further

Resolved that on behalf of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York, extend an official congratulations and best wishes on Thomas Mastro's future endeavors; and, be it further

Resolved that Thomas Mastro is recognized as an honorary lifetime member of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York, a friend of the students of the State University of New York; and, be it further

Resolved that Thomas Mastro granted the title of President Emeritus on the conclusion of his term.

This resolution was passed unanimous consent of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-131 Service Recognition of Melissa Kathan**

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York hereby recognizes and appreciates the dedicated efforts and achievements of Miss. Kathan; and, be it further

Resolved that on behalf of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York, extend an official congratulations and best wishes on Miss. Kathan future endeavors; and, be it further

Resolved that Miss. Kathan is recognized as an honorary lifetime member of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York, a friend of the students of the State University of New York; and, be it further

Resolved that Miss. Kathan granted the title of Vice President Emeritus on the conclusion of her term.

This resolution was passed unanimous consent of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

#### **1516-132 Service Recognition of Jessica Accardi**

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York hereby recognizes and appreciates the dedicated efforts and achievements of Miss. Accardi; and, be it further

Resolved that on behalf of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York, extend an official congratulations and best wishes on Miss. Accardi future endeavors; and, be it further

Resolved that Miss. Accardi is recognized as an honorary lifetime member of the Student Assembly of the State University of New York, a friend of the students of the State University of New York; and, be it further

Resolved that Miss. Accardi granted the title of Treasurer Emeritus on the conclusion of her term.

This resolution was passed unanimous consent of the assembly. It was adopted on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Additionally, the SUNY Student Assembly General Assembly passed the following bylaw resolutions:

1516-104 Article V – Advisers to the President Organization

1516-94 Article III Changes

1516-95 Article IV Changes

1516-96 Article V, Section 1: The Duties of the President Bylaws Changes

1516-98 Article VI Changes

1516-99 Article VIII & IX Bylaw Changes

1516-100 Article XI Changes

1516-133 Article VI

1516-134 Article X