



The State University of New York  
Student Assembly

## Sustainability Committee

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### RESOLUTION

**TO: General Assembly**  
**FROM: Zachary Beaudoin, Chair of Sustainability**  
**DATE: November 13, 2015**  
**SUBJECT: Sustainability Committee**

#### Action Requested

We request that the State University of New York campuses create a sustainability committee that will be an advisory committee to the president. The committee will consist of individuals from various parts of the campus and will research, create, and forward sustainable recommendations directly to the president and their executive cabinet.

#### Resolution

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

Whereas sustainability is all encompassing of the campus, students, environment, academics and finances;

Whereas through sustainable updates, energy will be conserved, waste and the carbon footprint will be reduced;

Whereas a sustainability committee is not meant to hinder the campuses but ensure that all campuses are running efficiently and effectively;

Whereas by creating a sustainability committee presidents are able to expand sustainable projects, awareness, events across campus;

Whereas the sustainability committee will be able to compile data for the office of admissions in an effort to showcase sustainable projects;

Resolved that campuses will create a Sustainability Committee that will be an advisory committee to the president;

Resolved that the committee will actively work on projects to enhance efficiency and sustainability across the campus;

Resolved that the committee will meet at least once a month and consist of faculty from facilities, dining services, environmental health and safety, various academic departments, and a minimum of 5 student seats

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York recommends a modest budget be allocated to the sustainability committee to host campus events and provide educational materials;

Resolved that the sustainability committee has the authority to collect, compile, and submit data to STARS AASHE in order to gauge the campus' overall sustainability;

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.