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Dr. Gwen Kay
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Dear Gwen,

With respect to the resolutions adopted at the University Faculty Senate's UFS Fall Plenary, my responses to the adopted resolutions are as follows:

186-01-01; Resolution on Racial Equity and a Social Justice Curriculum

I applaud the UFS for its long-standing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, and this resolution is the latest example of that work. Equity and inclusion are central priorities for my administration and the for the Board of Trustees. From speaking out against the Federal Administration's Executive Order prohibiting higher education from training on so-called "divisive topics," to our recent announcement of a system-wide plan to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion and to combat racial inequality and division. Faculty play an important role in this work and I support your efforts to incorporate issues of racial equity and social justice into their curriculum. I have asked Provost in Charge Shahedipour-Sandvik to convey my support to the General Education Advisory Committee and its Diversity & Cultural Sensitivity Subcommittee.

186-05-01; Resolution on the Importance of Monitoring Effective Shared Governance During Times of Crisis

We are working to disseminate best practices and lessons learned from SUNY's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which as you know is an ongoing issue. We must continue to engage the entire campus community in planning, including, of course, faculty and student governance, like we have done this fall. I fully support a review by all governance bodies of their policies and practices for emergency procedures.

Best wishes,



Jim Malatras
Chancellor