

**SUNY University Faculty Senate
Student Life Committee
Amy Rosen-Brand
187th Winter Plenary
January 21 – 22, 2021
Host: SUNY UFS VIRTUAL PLENARY
Meeting Location: ZOOM MEETING**

Committee Charge

The Committee will be concerned with significant educational, developmental, social, cultural and recreational policies, programs, issues and services that affect the quality of student life and the campus environment of the State University of New York.

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Summary of Committee Actions since the Fall 2020 Plenary

There are multiple areas where we are continuing to focus our energy. Much of our work is impacted by the pandemic. We extensively discussed our experiences and concerns relative to COVID impact during the fall planning meeting. We decided to move forward this academic year on the following areas:

We have a subcommittee focusing on moving this issue forward.

1. Dedicated Campus Space Issues – Subcommittee, Resolution Pending, in development: Focus is to have SUNY UFS support to designate, develop, and maintain a dedicated multi-purpose space on campus for private student needs (e.g., spiritual practice, meditation, medical needs). Finalizing draft resolution for spring 2021.
2. SUNY Old Westbury's College Senate passed a resolution to change campus use of the word "freshmen" and any related derivatives to "first year student" and other similar language to more accurately describe the diverse student body. Our committee is looking at this now and seems to support it. We are determining how many SUNY campuses have "first year student" wording currently. We also wish to have input from the Student Assembly as to support. SA participation is in flux currently due to pandemic and change in leadership. This matter continues to remain pending.
3. We are considering development of a resolution to mirror an anticipated spring 2021 FCCC resolution on state funding of campus childcare centers. We are exploring bringing this forward as a possible spring 2021 resolution for consideration, if there is an FCCC resolution approved by that body. The timing of the resolution should be made relative to the established state budget process. We have a subcommittee ready to work on this issue should more extensive examination be needed. The SUNY childcare centers remain much needed. The need for the centers has remained in demand throughout the pandemic and the state financial situation remains stressed. FCCC Campus and Student Life committee is working on this. Amy Rosen-Brand serves as the UFSSLC liaison to the group.

Additionally, the SLC is actively participating in the following UFS subcommittees:

Pandemic Committee: This committee will examine impacts of the pandemic on campuses, from student life to course delivery, from shared governance to accessibility, from research to communication.

Black Lives Matter Committee:

This committee will consider the ethical, curricular, operational and student implications of Black Lives Matter.

University Police

This committee will review and suggest the appropriate role for University Police. In particular, questions of when the police versus other entities (student services, human resources) might be deployed.

Two UFS SLC committee members serve on each committee.

All subcommittees and ad hoc committees remain active in their work.