

## Resolution in Appreciation of the late Dr. John Graham's Commitment to Shared Governance and Being a Friend of the Senate

Whereas, Dr. John Graham wore many hats during his tenure at SUNY, his most recent position being College President at SUNY Potsdam.

Whereas, Dr. John Graham was student-focused in all of his SUNY roles. Dr. Graham served as the SUNY liaison to the University Faculty Senate (UFS) Student Life Committee (SLC) for 2017, 2018, and 2019. In his capacity as liaison, he worked tirelessly to connect committee members to SUNY and community members to help the committee bring its ideas to fruition;

Whereas, Dr. Graham played a critical role in developing and delivering a UFS SLC SUNY wide Fostering Collaboration between Academic and Student Affairs Professionals conference in 2019 which brought together representatives across SUNY. Dr. Graham and his Albany team presented the following areas: diversity, equity and inclusion, campus childcare, veteran and military affairs and food insecurity which were all well received and providing current programs critical information and resources to all participants. He worked tirelessly with the Student Assembly (SA) and UFS to help move forward initiatives and ideas to strengthen the SUNY community through shared governance;

Whereas, Dr. Graham held the following roles at SUNY: College President at SUNY Potsdam, Advisor to the SUNY Chancellor and Student Advocate, Vice Provost, Associate Provost for Student Affairs and University Life and Chancellor's Fellow. He facilitated the coordination and sustainability of the Systemwide Student Mental Health and Wellness Task Force and the Food Insecurity Task Force to ensure a safe living and learning community for all students. He was passionate and committed to helping students by ensuring that vital supports were available to all our students;

Whereas, Dr. Graham was committed to SUNY and utilized his roles to empower colleagues, students, mentees, and others in his circle to always strive for excellence;

Whereas, Dr. Graham was a treasure to SUNY and his connections and collaborations with our SUNY community impacted not only current students but also to future generations pursuing higher education. He has changed lives by his implementing impactful actions, developing of a plethora of vital support opportunities for students and continually demonstrating lifelong kindness and respect. Dr. Graham expressed appreciation to his colleagues, friends, and

collaborators within SUNY and the larger community for friendship, collaboration, and commitment;

Be it Resolved that the University Faculty Senate of the State University of New York expresses its deepest appreciation for the enthusiastic support in word and deed that Dr. Graham has given to shared governance; and

Be It Further Resolved that the UFS, in recognition of his committed leadership in fostering shared governance and collaboration, bestows, posthumously, the Friend of the Senate award, our highest honor to a non-member of the University Faculty Senate, to Dr. John Graham, College President, SUNY Potsdam.