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Dr. Keith Landa
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Dear Keith:

Thank you for your follow-up to the University Faculty Senate's Spring Plenary. I appreciate the opportunity to engage with the members of UFS. You requested responses to several resolutions adopted at the meeting, which I am providing below:

- [191-01-1- Successful Implementation of the SUNY Health, Wellness, and Well-Being Infrastructure and Leadership Architecture](#)

These are areas I have directly been engaged in, advancing and supporting both at the campus- and System-levels. This includes initiatives designed to provide service enhancements and program cultivation, including but not limited to:

- Establishing the *SUNY Mental Health and Wellness Advisory Committee* (note name change) in Fall 2021. The Committee is comprised of SUNY System Administration disability services staff, campus counseling center staff, campus student affairs staff, SUNY student representation, and individuals outside of SUNY working in the mental health, wellness, and well-being sectors. The group provides feedback, recommendations, and information on state-wide and national mental health trends, as well as oversight on new policy as needed and addressing areas for improvement System-wide.
- Expanding tele-health counseling services through SUNY's Student Tele-Counseling Network, which provided students in AY21-22.
- Issuing a request for proposals to seek provider(s) for a new crisis services program. Procurement process is currently underway.
- Dedicating a portion of federal stimulus funding to concerted investments in student mental health services at all SUNY campuses.

We are appreciative of increased state support for FY22-23, which includes an increase from \$1M to \$2M to allocate toward mental health spending efforts throughout SUNY. Staff are in the process of gathering input from students, advisory committee members, SUNY counseling center staff, SUNY Student Affairs staff, and System Administration staff members to advance recommended uses for the funds. We will continue to work in partnership with the Governor and State legislature to seek necessary resources.

- [191-02-1- Costs of Administration Study](#)

Thank you for sharing the efforts of the UFS in studying costs of administration. I am, as you know, very aware of the importance of ensuring that all possible resources are applied directly to the benefit of the students attending SUNY institutions.

As your resolution notes, defining administration in this case is no easy matter, and all steps should be taken to ensure that this analysis is done correctly and in depth; with extra steps taken to ensure that no inherent bias is included.

To that end, I would ask you to please provide all copies of your work to date to both our Interim Chief Financial Officer, Robert Megna, and my Senior Advisor, Nick Lyons. I would then ask them to review and prepare a charter and structure for an eventual committee to be considered by the incoming Chancellor and their eventual Chief Financial Officer. This will allow for the proper amount of time, and attention, that this important issue requires.

- [191-03-1- Recognition of Service to UFS by Vice Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Bringsjord](#)

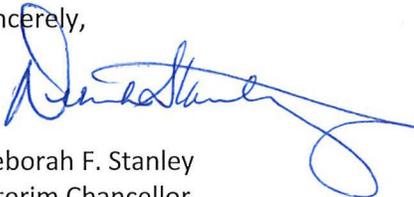
Dr. Bringsjord was so appreciative of this recognition by the UFS. Thank you for taking the time to recognize her long-involvement with the UFS and her many accomplishments during her career at SUNY System Administration.

- [191-04-1- Updating, Revising, and Clarifying The State University of New York Guide to Presidential Searches at State-Operated Institutions](#)

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. There is a current effort underway at System to review SUNY policies, including policies that would need SUNY Trustee approval for changes. We have added this item for consideration.

Keith, thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,



Deborah F. Stanley
Interim Chancellor