



TO: SUNY University Faculty Senate
FROM: Operations Committee
RE: Resolution: Requesting a Progress Report on the Financial Sustainability of State University of New York Campuses
DATE: April 5-6, 2024
LOCATION: SUNY Colleges at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
RESOLUTION # 197-06-1
VOTE: For: 41 / Against: 0 (without dissent)

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS SUNY campuses are facing significant financial challenges in recent years caused by factors including declining state funding, rising costs, lower enrollment, and increasing competition for students; and

WHEREAS SUNY Potsdam¹ and SUNY Fredonia² have released blueprints developed by campus leadership to ensure a stronger future; and

WHEREAS Buffalo State University, SUNY Delhi, and SUNY Maritime are continuing along their paths to fiscal sustainability and strong futures³; and

WHEREAS the Clinton Community College and SUNY Plattsburgh collaboration⁴ has been presented as a financial stability strategy; and

WHEREAS the restructuring of SUNY Downstate⁵ has been presented as a financial stability strategy; and

WHEREAS the other SUNY campuses can benefit from lessons learned by these campuses currently going through their roadmaps; and

WHEREAS the SUNY University Faculty Senate (UFS) needs to have accurate and up-to-date information on the financial sustainability of SUNY campuses to proactively respond to fiscal sustainability planning and action;

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SUNY UFS requests that the SUNY Chancellor and System Administration provide a progress report on the financial sustainability of SUNY campuses; and

1 <https://www.potsdam.edu/about/leadership/office-president/framework-fiscal-health>

2 <https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/president/roadmap-financial-sustainability>

3 https://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/govt-relations/state/SUNY-Report-on-Enrollment-and-Financial-Sustainability_January2024.pdf

4 <https://www.clinton.edu/college-relocation/default.aspx>

5 <https://www.suny.edu/suny-news/press-releases/2-24/2-7-24/downstate.html>

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this report include an analysis of the strategies that have shown progress, the challenges that are being faced, and other necessary initiatives that campuses with financial hardship have had to implement; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this report be provided to the SUNY UFS, SUNY Board of Trustees, and the state legislature no later than the beginning of the Fall 2024 semester, and to consider publishing such a report on a regular basis