

The State University of New York **Student Assembly** **Fall 2019 Report**

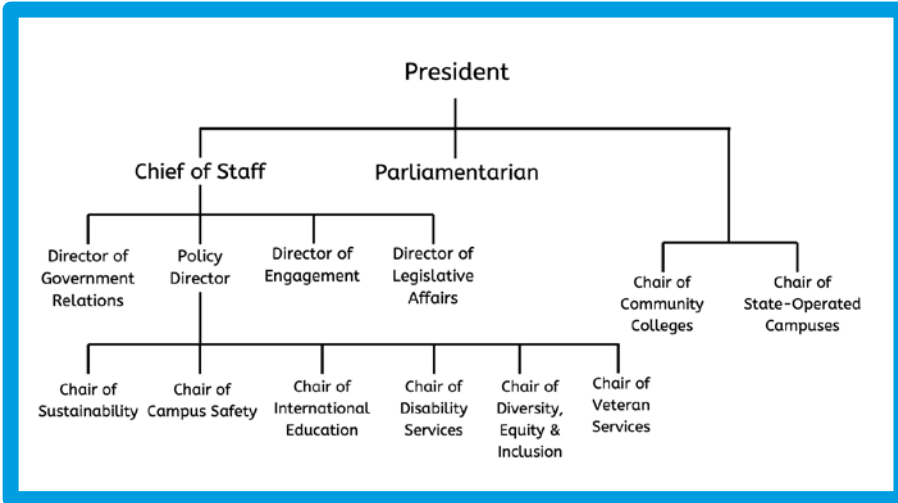
President Austin Ostro

University Faculty Senate Fall '19 Plenary
Albany, NY

2019-20 Executive Committee

The SUNY Student Assembly is the overarching student government dedicated to advocating for the 1.4 million students of SUNY's 64 campuses.

Students, elected by their peers, meet regularly to set advocacy priorities and engage with state-wide administrators and local, state and federal legislators to push for student initiatives.





Overarching Priorities

- **Building organizational capacity-** supporting student leaders, strengthening local advocacy, and expanding resources for students
- **Enhancing advocacy-** supporting community colleges, funding for graduate students, supporting opportunity programs, and expanding access to financial aid
- **Promoting diversity, equity and inclusion-** with expanded department, standing up to hate, increasing accessibility on campuses

Advocacy Priorities

Federal Priorities

- Expanding Work-Study
- Increasing Pell Grant Award Size and Access
- Reinstatement of Pell for Incarcerated Students
- Title IX Amendments
- FAFSA Simplification

State Priorities

- Community College Funding
- Closing the TAP Gap
- Funding for Mental Health Resources
- EOP Funding





Major Events

Spring 2019 Conference

SUNY Voices

Pride Events

Executive Committee Meetings

Spring 2019 Conference

- 450+ students
- Letitia James, NYS Attorney General
- Chairman H. Carl McCall Award for Promotion of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



SUNY Voices (June 4-5)



SUNY Pride

- Capital Pride
- Pride Block Party
- SPECTRUM Conference
- World Pride Parade



Executive Committee Meetings:

Resolutions

- Creation of committees & appointment of 83 students
- LGBTQIA+ Safe Haven
- Resources & Support for Immigrant and Undocumented Students
- Supporting Access to Pell & TAP for Incarcerated Students
- Supporting Community College Student Government Autonomy



June
Lake
George



August
Albany



September
Buffalo

Website Relaunch

Now available at www.sunysa.org:

- Student Assembly Blog
- Resolution archive
- About organization, executive committee, history, committees
- Committee application
- Calendar

Welcome to the SUNY Student Assembly Website.



ABOUT US

The Student Assembly is the official organization by which University students participate in University-wide Shared-Governance. The Student Assembly is committed to enhancing the student experience by providing resources to campus student organizations and ensuring the representation of SUNY students on the local, state, and national levels, as well as throughout the expansive SUNY system, through our extensive advocacy initiatives.

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Upcoming

Fall 2019 Conference: Nov 15-17

Local Advocacy Week: Nov 18-22