

President's Log: 180th Plenary Binghamton – October 2018

Post plenary, I almost completed my campus tour. I visited Downstate in April, New Paltz in May, and Optometry in July. I also attended town hall meetings at ESF and SUNY Polytechnic Institute. This year, I'm happy to visit any campus that would like to see me. You ask, I'll come.

The SUNY Board of Trustees meet in May, June, September and October. At the May meeting, in Morrisville, I tucked in a meeting with governance and union leaders. The September meeting, hosted at FIT (a community college), included the Chancellor's Inauguration. It was great to see so many of you there representing your campuses. (I did try to talk with the flag bearers, but was barred from entering that space.)

Virtually, I attended meetings for SUNY Voices, including coordination for the CGL Leadership Institute in June and the Voices conference in November. The Student Mobility Task Force, the General Education Task Force, and the Policy and Micro-Credentials group.

In person, I met with the new Student Assembly President, Michael Braun, and the new CUNY UFS president, Marty Burke. I also met (many times!) with Tod Laursen, the new SUNY Provost. Each of these interactions is meant to forge a positive relationship, and reinforce the importance of shared governance. I continue to build our relationship with Nina Tamrowski, FCCC president, as well.

I represent you in many other different spaces across SUNY. From the Conference on Instruction and Technology in May to SPECTRUM –Sexual & Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education, Capacity Building, and Training in Response for Underserved Sexual and Gender Minorities – in June, from the presidents' meetings in June and September, to the chief academic officers' meetings in June and October, I make sure the faculty and staff voice is present and heard. The Food Insecurity Task Force, the SUNY Diversity Task Force, and Research Foundation all met in July. In addition to meeting with Fred Kowal and Jamie Dangler one on two, I attended the UUP Delegate Assembly. And, oh yes, I am part of the chancellor's cabinet as well. And, yes, we talk to ourselves.

The summer planning meeting, in Saratoga Springs in June, saw the old and new executive committees assess the previous year's work and create an agenda for this year. The fall planning meeting, also in Saratoga Springs, in September, was attended by (almost) all members of our nine (!) committees, who worked efficiently and tirelessly to codify their agenda for this year. How hard did these folks work? You've got four resolutions which emerged out of that meeting, with a more coming your way at the winter plenary.