



**CHANCELLOR'S UPDATE TO THE
UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE WINTER PLENARY**

January 17, 2025



SUNY is On The Move

- **Student Success**
- **Research & Scholarship**
- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**
- **Economic Development & Upward Mobility**



SUNY Enrollment is Up in Every Sector for the Second Year in a Row

OVERALL ENROLLMENT		
Percent Change		
	Fall 2023 to Fall 2024	Fall 2022 to Fall 2024
SUNY-Wide	+2.3%	+3.4%
State-Operated	+2.7%	+3.3%
Doctoral	+2.2%	+2.4%
Comprehensive	+2.7%	+3.2%
Technology	+5.0%	+7.6%
Community Colleges	+1.9%	+3.7%

Source: SUNY Data Warehouse
SUNY System Administration Office of Institutional Research and Data Analytics
November 5, 2024



Student Success

ASAP|ACE Expansion

- Proven through randomized controlled trials to dramatically **increase retention and on-time completion.**
- Early results show **9% higher credit completion** and **88% Spring-to-Fall persistence** among ACE participants.
- **Governor Hochul's 2025 State of the State agenda includes ongoing funding to sustain ASAP|ACE and grow the program to serve 10,000 students across the SUNY System.**



Student Success

Transfer Task Force

- *Nationally, fewer than 20% of community college students earn a Bachelor's degree within 6 years, even though 80% of associate degree-seeking students say a Bachelor's degree is their goal.*
- In December, the SUNY Board of Trustees adopted the Transfer Task Force recommendations to:
 - Maximize **credit acceptance** and applicability.
 - Establish **clear, transparent, and consistent** policies and processes.
 - Provide additional **system-wide resources**.
 - Foster system-wide transfer **partnerships**.
- **Immediate implementation steps include roll-out of a new transfer equivalency tool and ongoing campus leadership and faculty engagement through a Transfer Advisory Council.**



Research & Scholarship

Chancellor's Horizon Awards for Faculty Research and Scholarship

- This new award honors **early career faculty whose scholarly or creative activities have already achieved significant recognition** and hold strong promise for field-defining impact in the future.
- Eligibility is limited to faculty who are in **tenure-track or tenured positions**, or the equivalent, and are up to seven years beyond the date of initial appointment to the position.
- The deadline for receipt of nominations is **Friday, February 28, 2025**.



Research & Scholarship

General Education Framework

- The SUNY Board of Trustees adopted two updates to the General Education Framework at the December 2024 meeting:
 - Establish a new core competency in **Civic Discourse**.
 - Revise the Information Literacy core competency to explicitly identify **Artificial Intelligence** as part of the information landscape.
- Based on feedback from faculty and campus leaders, the changes will **go into effect for the Fall 2026 entering cohort**.



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Accessibility Advocates and Allies Faculty Fellowship Program

- More than **10% of students enrolled across SUNY** self-identify as having a disability.
- The Accessibility Fellows will serve as a **community of faculty leaders and champions committed to promoting and growing accessibility practices** in and out of the classroom.
- The program is facilitated by **SUNY Oswego** Professor Rebecca Mushtare and the inaugural cohort of 11 Fellows includes representatives from **SUNY Brockport, Buffalo State, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Delhi, SUNY Geneseo, and SUNY Upstate.**



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

PRODiG+

- PRODiG+ will create a pipeline for over 400 **postdoctoral fellows to enter tenure-track faculty positions** over the next 10 years.
- Status and upcoming dates:
 - **Fall 2025 cohort** – Campus allocations are approved and candidate recruitment is underway.
 - **Fall 2026 cohort** – Campuses will request allocations starting in April.
- Fall 2025 PRODiG+ job descriptions are now publicly available at: suny.edu/JoinPRODiGplus.



Economic Development & Upward Mobility

Credit for Prior Learning

- Campuses were required to submit **implementation action plans** by December 31, 2024.
- We have encouraged campuses to prioritize:
 - **AP and IB** exam passage;
 - ACE Guide for **Military Training** and Occupations; and
 - Providing credit for attainment of **industry-recognized credentials**.
- To support our **enrollment efforts**, SUNY is developing a public-facing tool so prospective students can **easily identify the campuses that award credit for prior learning in priority areas**.



Preparing for the Federal Transition

Policy Focus Areas

- Protection for undocumented college students
- Diversity, equity and inclusion policies, use of funds, and staff
- Title VI interpretation and enforcement shifts
- Title IX interpretation and enforcement shifts
- Predatory for-profit colleges



Preparing for the Federal Transition

Funding Focus Areas

- Research agency funding (NSF, NIH, CHIPS & Science Act, DOD, etc.)
- Green infrastructure funding (Inflation Reduction Act)
- Pell grants
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, work-study, and AmeriCorps
- SNAP benefits and eligibility
- FEMA reimbursement, DSH cuts, Medicare and Medicaid reductions (SUNY Hospitals)



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