

Student Life Committee Report

University Faculty Senate (UFS) 2024 - 2025

Committee Charge

The Student Life Committee will identify and address issues pertaining to educational, developmental, social, cultural, and recreational policies, programs, issues, and services that affect the quality of student life and the campus environment.

Four pillars to guide SUNY's progress:

1. student success
2. research and scholarship
3. diversity, equity, and inclusion
4. economic development and upward mobility

Committee Members

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Agenda from the Fall Planning Meeting (9/19/24)

Action items and description of the committee from the fall planning meeting.

- 1) Discussion of [resolution for adoption of the Okanagan Charter](#) across SUNY.

https://www.acha.org/documents/general/Okanagan_Charter_Oct_6_2015.pdf

The Charter has two Calls to Action for higher education institutions:

- a) Embed health into all aspects of campus culture, across the administration, operations and academic mandates.
- b) Lead health promotion action and collaboration locally and globally.

- 2) Glossy of college terms
 - 3) Student, faculty and staff connections / interpersonal interactions
 - 4) Peer mentoring program
 - 5) First-year seminar
 - 6) White Paper on Student Interpersonal Skills
- see: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QZIBNPEo_ACvWzaNqi0N5gLo0FIT9nNZotzQIV1Fw4Y/edit?usp=sharing

Completed Action Items

Items that have been presented or passed by the Senate this year. Please include a brief description of the actions taken to complete the goals.

Fall Plenary (October 24-26, SUNY Plattsburgh)

- Resolution for adoption of the Okanagan Charter across SUNY

Winter Plenary (January 16-18, online)

- NA

Spring Plenary (April 24-26, SUNY Oneonta)

- Strategies for faculty and staff to help students manage during stressful and challenging times
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- White Paper - Cultivating Interpersonal Skills in College Students: A Pathway to Success in a Complex World by Bilas Paul for UFS Student Life Committee

Committee requests for campuses

List requested actions from Senators and their campuses. These will be compiled across all committees and send out to members after each plenary as follow-up.

Fall Plenary (October 24-26, SUNY Plattsburgh)

- Resolution for adoption of the Okanagan Charter across SUNY was presented
- Resolution was approved by UFS

Winter Plenary (January 16-18, online)

- The Student Life Committee met on Friday, November 15, 2024 to discuss how to proceed with a paper on Student Interpersonal Skills.

Spring Plenary (April 24-26, SUNY Oneonta)

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Meeting Dates

Friday, November 15, 2024 · 1:00 – 2:00pm

Friday Feb 7, 2025 · 1pm – 2pm

Summary of Committee Actions for the Year

Summary of the Chair's analysis of the accomplishments and challenges of the year and a look ahead for the next year.