



# WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE

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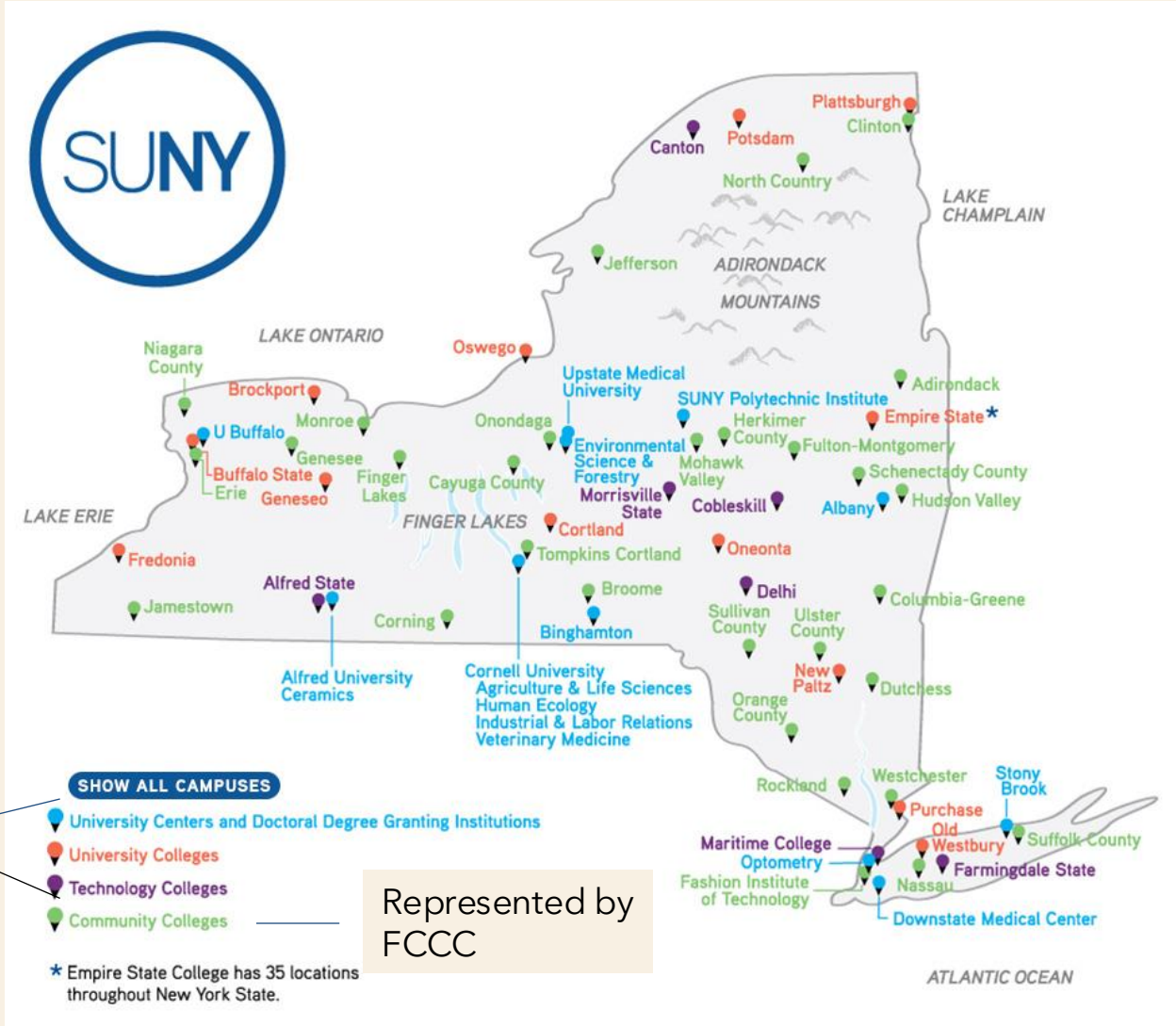
- UFS VP/Secretary
- SUNY Plattsburgh



# WELCOME TO THE UFS

Overview of SUNY and UFS Organizations  
What to expect at a Plenary Meeting  
Setting your level of engagement

# SUNY SYSTEM OVERVIEW



“State Ops” represented by UFS



# SUNY SYSTEM OVERVIEW

## Key Leadership Figures:

- Chancellor John King
- Provost Ram Ramasubramanian
- CDO Ricardo Nazario-Colon
- Vice Chancellor for Hospitals Valerie Grey
- Vice Chancellor for Research Shadi Sandvik



# SUNY SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- “SUNY System Admin” is also a campus represented in UFS
- UFS is a primary channel of two-way communication between Administration and campuses

# UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE OVERVIEW

## Leadership

President Keith Landa

VP/Secretary Wendy Gordon

## Executive Committee:

- Committee Chairs
- Sector Representatives
- Parliamentarian Henry Flax

# UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE OVERVIEW

Sectors: Campuses grouped broadly by mission

- University Centers
- University Colleges/Comprehensive Colleges
- Health Science Centers
- Colleges of Technology
- Specialized and Statutory

Each meets at Plenary meetings, with an elected Representative who is a voting member of the UFS Exec Committee



# SECTOR ACTIVITIES

Meet at Plenaries

Communicate via GoogleGroups lists

- Share campus-level responses to SUNY actions
- Strategize (and sympathize) regarding campus issues
- Develop cross-campus alliances



# UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE OVERVIEW

Nine Committees: Volunteers who complete most of the work done by UFS

- Communications
- Equity, Inclusion, Diversity
- Ethics
- Governance
- Graduate and Research
- Operations
- Programs and Awards
- Student Life
- Undergraduate Policies and Programs

Chaired by an experience member who is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee

# UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE OVERVIEW

## Committees

- Staffed annually with a SUNY-wide call to faculty
- Members and Chairs do not have to be Senators
- Typically 3 - 10 committee meetings per academic year
- Mandatory in-person attendance at annual Fall Planning Meeting



# COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

- Independently research conditions and policies within the charge of the committee.
- Accept assignments from Executive Committee
  - Write “white paper” and other reports
  - Write and review best practice documents (e.g. Internships, Academic Program Review)
  - Propose Resolutions to the Body (the Senate) for adoption



# PLENARIES - THE BIG SHOW

Most Senators' work is centered around the Plenaries

- Fall & Spring meetings are hosted by campuses
- Winter meeting is Virtual
- Attendance by Senators or their Alternates is mandatory

Plan to arrive 5 p.m. Thursday and leave by 1 p.m. Saturday (hopefully earlier)

# PLENARIES - THE BIG SHOW

Thursday:

- Dinner (cash bar)
- Sector Meetings

Friday:

- Early start (breakfast)
- Informational sessions
- Sector Q & A with Chancellor
- Sometimes activities
- Presentation of Resolutions
- Presentation of Candidates for Office (in Spring)
- Dinner (fancy), sometimes with a program

Saturday:

- Early start (breakfast)
- Business
- Elections
- Resolutions
- Adjournment

# PLENARIES - THE BIG SHOW

## How Senators Participate:

- Assigned seating - look for your nametag
  - Exec Committee is at the "top" near the podium
  - Senators are arranged by sector
  - CGLs seated separately
- Attentive listening
- Speaking
  - Wait to be acknowledged
  - Always into a microphone for accessibility
  - Introduce yourself with position and campus (e.g., Wendy Gordon, Senator from Plattsburgh")
- Voting
  - Only Senators or Alternates (if seated) vote on elections and Resolutions
  - Variety of voting methods

# PLENARIES - THE BIG SHOW

## Following the Plenary

- Report back to campuses, especially
  - Resolutions with impact on your campus
  - Sector business
  - System-wide happenings and projections
- Post-Plenary reports
- Report in to UFS (Sector Rep, Sector List, Committee, Officers)
  - Campus doings with system-wide ramifications
  - Campus resolutions that are broadly relevant
- Submit receipts when asked to Jennifer

# QUESTIONS?

