



**SUNY University Faculty Senate Statement on the Resignation of Chancellor Malatras**  
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The University Faculty Senate (UFS) thanks Chancellor James Malatras for his service to the State University of New York (SUNY) and his recent decision to put SUNY and its mission first. The Chancellor's resignation should allow us to refocus our efforts on supporting SUNY's students, faculty, and staff.

UFS calls for the SUNY Board of Trustees to conduct a national search for a new Chancellor, someone who is passionate about SUNY's mission, shares our values, and believes in shared governance; someone who is willing to fight for public higher education in New York and is prepared to provide visionary and transformative leadership for SUNY; someone who has a proven track record of collaboration, inclusion, and equity among diverse constituents and stakeholders.

It will take time to properly conduct a national search. UFS, along with the SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges and SUNY Student Assembly, should be trusted partners in the Board of Trustees process for selecting an interim Chancellor, one who already knows SUNY and is ready to be an effective advocate for SUNY on the state and national levels.

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