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Dear Ken,

Thank you very much for keeping me apprised of resolutions passed at the University Faculty Senate's October 24, 2009 plenary. Per your request, below are my responses to those resolutions.

153-01-1 Resolution Supporting the Recommendations of the Provost's Advisory Group on the SUNY Assessment Initiative

I appreciate the UFS' endorsement of this important initiative and am looking forward to definitive action by the Board of Trustees.

After the presentation of the Advisory Group's recommendations for changes in assessment policies and the discussion that took place on January 12 at the Academic Affairs committee of the Board of Trustees, we should be poised for Board consideration of a new policy proposal.

Once a draft has been prepared, you will be given an opportunity to comment before the final resolution is drafted. I can assure you that the concept of increased responsibility for assessment at the campus rather than the system level has my support.

153-02-1 State University of New York University Faculty Senate Operations Committee Budget Resolution

Again, thank you for your support of this process; I will keep you apprised of our progress as budget negotiations proceed.

153-03-1 Resolution to Reinstate the Faculty Exchange Scholars Designation and Program

While this was no doubt a worthwhile program, given the current fiscal environment I cannot be optimistic about its reinstatement. I am pleased that SUNY faculty members take significant advantage of private funding for foreign exchange programs through the Fulbright program, and we have successfully sought outside funding to cover the Levin Fellows program.

153-04-1 Resolution in Support of Legislation Requiring a Baccalaureate Degree for Permanent Registration in Nursing

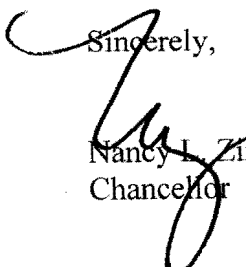
There is certainly a need for increased capacity for nursing degrees, and this topic will be taken up by the Strategic Plan Working Group on Strategic Enrollment Management. I understand your position on this issue and will take it under advisement as discussions continue.

153-05-1 Resolution on the Clarification of SUNY Policy on Student Mobility

I am gratified by UFS's support of this issue, which is a tremendous step forward for the State University. I look forward to working with the Faculty Senate to facilitate the implementation of this important reform.

As always, thank you for your partnership and your leadership, and particularly for your strong support of, and participation in, our strategic planning process. I look forward to continuing to work together as we chart a new course for SUNY's future.

Sincerely,



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