Resolution in Appreciation of Chancellor Nancy Zimpher’s Commitment to Shared Governance and Being a Friend of the Senate

Whereas from the very beginning of her tenure, Chancellor Nancy Zimpher made broad participation a hallmark of SUNY planning, as evidenced by both her listening tour of the campuses and the strategic planning processes that engaged many representatives from across the system and the state; and

Whereas Chancellor Zimpher further enhanced the engagement of shared governance organizations in the planning and operations of the SUNY System by appointing the Presidents of the University Faculty Senate (UFS), the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC), and the Student Assembly (SA) to her Cabinet; and

Whereas Chancellor Zimpher invited governance organization representatives to fully participate in, and often lead, committees and planning groups assigned to evaluate and recommend important System initiatives, including seamless transfer, resource allocation, applied learning, and diversity initiatives; and

Whereas Chancellor Zimpher’s support for the “SUNY Voices” project has been instrumental in facilitating increased communication among faculty and student governance leaders and campus administrators, as well as providing a mechanism to develop stronger governance leadership among faculty and students; and

Whereas Chancellor Zimpher has participated in open and frank question-and-answer sessions with the UFS at nearly every plenary meeting during her tenure; therefore

Be it Resolved that the University Faculty Senate of the State University of New York expresses its deepest appreciation for the enthusiastic support in word and deed that Chancellor Nancy Zimpher has given to shared governance; and

Be It Further Resolved that the UFS, in recognition of her committed leadership in fostering shared governance, bestows the Friend of the Senate award, our highest honor to a non-member of the University Faculty Senate, to Chancellor Nancy Zimpher.

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