Resolution in Support of Stand-Alone Unit Head for New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University

Whereas Resolution 141-02-1 (attached), dated October 29, 2005, enunciated the support of the University Faculty Senate for the appointment of a stand-alone unit head for the New York State College of Ceramics (NYSCC) at Alfred University (AU); and

Whereas AU and the State University of New York (SUNY) are in the process of re-negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the operation of the NYSCC; and

Whereas the faculty of the NYSCC passed a resolution on April 19, 2017, asking the President of AU and the Chancellor and Board of Trustees of SUNY to “re-institute the position of Associate Vice President of Statutory Affairs as a full-time and autonomous position within the [AU] structure”; therefore

Be It Resolved that the University Faculty Senate (UFS) endorses the aforementioned NYSCC resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that the UFS reiterates its position in support of the appointment of a stand-alone unit head that is not part of another administrative position and urges the Board of Trustees, Chancellor, and Provost of SUNY to ensure that the Associate VP for Statutory Affairs at AU be maintained as a stand-alone position in their negotiations with AU over the MOU on the NYSCC.
Resolution in Support of NYS College of Ceramics

Whereas the University Faculty Senate of the State University of New York is deeply concerned by the treatment of our colleagues at the NYS College of Ceramics (NYSCC) at Alfred University.

Whereas the University Faculty Senate supports the actions of system administration and the SUNY Board of Trustees in their efforts to restore the College’s SUNY identity and the integrity of the College’s governance as originally intended by the laws establishing the statutory colleges.

Be it resolved that the University Faculty Senate endorse the NYSCC faculty’s principles of:

1. Support for the NYSCC statutory mission
2. Support for a stand-alone NYSCC unit head in the college that is a joint appointment by SUNY and AU
3. Support for statutory faculty’s participation in the search for a NYSCC unit head
4. Support of meaningful shared governance including participation in policy development, strategic planning, budget process, etc.
5. Support for SUNY representation on the Alfred University Board of Trustees, and

Be it further resolved that the University Faculty Senate encourage the campus governance bodies to support their colleagues at Alfred Ceramics by endorsing this resolution and writing letters of concern and support to appropriate officials, including but not limited to the Governor, Legislators and SUNY officials.

141-02-1 Resolution in Support of NYS College of Ceramics
Passed without dissent
October 29, 2005
Resolution on the Position of Associate Vice President of Statutory Affairs

Whereas, stated in the Memorandum of Understanding between the State University of New York and Alfred University, The Associate Vice President of Statutory Affairs [Unit Head] “shall be the State University's representative at, and the chief administrative officer of, the College of Ceramics, and shall serve full-time as Unit Head”; and

Whereas, the Associate Vice President is tasked with the significant financial authority of approving "expenditures of all revenues received in the course of the administration of the College of Ceramics, including but not limited to tuition, fees and charges; State appropriations; endowment funds; and grants"; and

Whereas, the Associate Vice President is also tasked with "monitoring implementation of the all-funds budget of the College of Ceramics and financial condition of the College of Ceramics"; and

Whereas, further responsibilities of the Associate Vice President include the support of the College's strategic goals, the preparation of annual budget, preparation of the appropriation request for State support, the promotion of the College's identity, the promotion of regional economic development, capital and equipment needs identification, and the promotion of academic excellence; and

Whereas, the Associate Vice President “shall be an employee of Alfred University, whose salary shall be funded by State appropriations”; and therefore

Be it resolved that the New York State College of Ceramics Faculty recommends that the President of Alfred University re-institute the position of Associate Vice President of Statutory Affairs as a full-time and autonomous position within the university structure, a position that is fully committed to the NYSCC mission and its actualization. The Faculty asks for the support of the SUNY Chancellor and SUNY Board of Trustees to continue to work with Alfred University in fulfillment of our Memorandum of Understanding.