



**Faculty Council of Community Colleges
Support of NYS Bill “Hunger Free Campus Act”
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WHEREAS food insecurity at SUNY has been a continual problem that has seen significant growth in recent years as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS the 2019 #RealCollege Report found that, at two-year colleges, 44% of SUNY students could not afford to eat balanced meals, 43% worried that their food would run out before they could afford to purchase more, and 28% were hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money for food; and

WHEREAS there is a significant and long established connection between food insecurity, hunger, and student success; and

WHEREAS the “Hunger Free Campus Act” provides funding for public colleges to address student hunger provided that they meet certain criteria; and

WHEREAS the “Hunger Free Campus Act” allocates \$20 million over two years and prioritizes funding to the institutions with the highest percentage of Pell Grant recipients, potentially giving community colleges significantly more funding than their four-year counterparts; and

WHEREAS the “Hunger Free Campus Act” was proposed to both the NYS Senate (S1151B) and Assembly (A6881B) during the 2021-2021 legislative session but has not been passed; and

WHEREAS California, New Jersey, Maryland, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina have already passed hunger-free campus bills, and bills have been or will be introduced in Florida, Virginia, Oregon, and Colorado;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Faculty Council of Community Colleges calls upon community college presidents, in their roles as lobbyists for SUNY and their individual campuses, to advocate the NYS Senate and Assembly to pass the “Hunger Free Campus Act” (S1151B/A6881B).