

Faculty Council of Community Colleges
Resolution Supporting “Rational Revenue Plan” for the Community Colleges
FCCC Resolution #G1 2012-13

WHEREAS the Faculty Council of Community Colleges recognizes the difficult fiscal environment New York State continues to face, but also understands the unique position of SUNY’s thirty community colleges to address the increasing needs of high school graduates and adults seeking to enhance their academic skills and employment opportunities, the needs of the region’s business community for qualified employees, and the need to create the work force required to catalyze new industry and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS the State currently provides \$2272 for each full-time-equivalent student, which, although \$150 more per FTE than last year, nevertheless is 15 percent below the \$2675/FTE that it provided at the start of 2009-10; and

WHEREAS last year’s \$150 partial restoration, while greatly welcomed, remains \$55/FTE short of the \$205/FTE urged by the New York Community College Association of Presidents (NYCCAP) five year “Plan Rational Revenue” for returning the State to its mandated 33.3 percent contribution; and

WHEREAS, most County sponsors remain unable to increase their contribution to operating costs; and

WHEREAS, this has put the burden of funding the community colleges on the students in the form of substantial increases in tuition; and

WHEREAS, the community colleges have responded to budgetary pressures by taking such actions as decreasing full time faculty, curtailing student services, cutting programs, and deferring needed maintenance of physical plants, all of which have direct negative impact on the students of the community colleges; and

WHEREAS, appropriate funding of the community colleges represents an investment in the economic recovery and continued economic health of the state and a commitment to providing affordable and accessible higher education to New York’s citizens; and

WHEREAS, SUNY and the New York Community College Association of Presidents (NYCCAP) have proposed a “Rational Revenue Plan” for the community colleges that would bring the State closer to its statutory funding obligation, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges continues to endorse the “Rational Revenue Plan;” and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges recommends to the Governor and the State Legislature an annual increase of \$260 per FTE in State aid for 2012–2013 to offset the \$55 shortfall from the five-year plan request for 2011–2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges strongly recommends to the Governor and the State Legislature annual increases of \$205 per FTE in State aid over each of the subsequent three years of the plan, beginning in 2013–2014, which will increase the State’s share of operating costs to its statutory obligation of 33.3% by 2016–2017.