



## **Faculty Council of Community Colleges**

### **Resolution Supporting “Rational Revenue Plan” for the Community Colleges Resolution #G1: 2014-2015**

Passed Unanimously October 11, 2014

**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 \$2,497 for each funded full-time-equivalent (FTE) student, which, although \$75 more per FTE than last year, nevertheless is 7 percent below the \$2,675/FTE that it provided at the start of 2007-08; and

**WHEREAS** last year’s \$75 partial restoration, while welcomed, fell short of what was urged by the New York Community College Association of Presidents (NYCCAP) five year “Rational Revenue Plan” for moving the State closer to a 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 the percentage of costs covered by the students; 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 funding a third of community college operating costs, be it therefore

**RESOLVED** that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges continues to endorse the NYCCAP “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 \$250 per funded FTE in State aid for 2015–2016

**RESOLVED** that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges strongly recommends to the Governor and the State Legislature annual increases of \$250 per funded FTE in State aid over the next three years, which will move the State’s share of operating costs closer to 33.3 percent by 2018-19.