



Faculty Council of Community Colleges

Resolution Supporting “Rational Revenue Plan” for the Community Colleges Resolution #G1: 2015 - 2016

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 \$2,597 for each funded full-time-equivalent (FTE) student, which, although \$100 more per FTE than last year, nevertheless is 2.92 percent below the \$2,675/FTE that it provided at the start of 2007-08; and

WHEREAS last year’s \$100 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 increase of \$250 per funded FTE in State aid for 2016-2017,

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.

Passed Unanimously October 17, 2015