



## **Faculty Council of Community Colleges**

### **Resolution Supporting New Funding Model for the Community Colleges Resolution # G1: 2017-18**

WHEREAS the Faculty Council of Community Colleges recognizes New York State's need for fiscal responsibility, but also understands the unique position of SUNY's thirty community colleges to address the increasing needs of both recent high school graduates and post-traditional students seeking to enhance their academic skills and employment opportunities, the need of the region's business community for qualified employees, the need to create the work force required to catalyze new industry and economic prosperity, and the need for an educated citizenry; and

WHEREAS the SUNY Board of Trustees also acknowledges in their 2018-19 Operating and Capital Budget Request that "the 30 community colleges operating under the program of the State University of New York ensure open access to high quality postsecondary education, and contribute significantly to the development of an educated citizenry and skilled work force; and

WHEREAS SUNY's thirty community colleges, through their rigorous Liberal Arts and transfer programs, educate approximately 50% of the transfers to SUNY state-operated colleges and University Centers, at less than the per student cost of those institutions, fulfilling the community colleges' mission to serve as local points of access to higher education as well as to the work force; and

WHEREAS the current FTE model of funding is negatively impacting the ability of community colleges to create realistic predictive models that are fiscally responsible and sensitive to the economic situations of their students; and

WHEREAS that model also often resulted in an increased financial burden on community college students due to the colleges' need to annually raise tuition to make up shortfalls in state funding; and

WHEREAS the new model proposed and approved by the SUNY Board of Trustee in their 2018-19 Operating and Capital Budget Request was also unanimously approved by the New York Community Colleges Association of Presidents and supported by the Community College Business Officers Association; be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges agrees with the SUNY Board of Trustees' recognition in their 2018-19 Operating and Capital Budget Request that "the operations of the 30 SUNY community colleges have evolved past the volume driven model established in the early 1970s, and that a major change in approach is required to maintain State support for each college, [to] recognize the cost of inflation, and to match the cost of high need/high cost programs,"; and be it also

RESOLVED that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges supports the proposed funding model in the SUNY Board of Trustees' 2018-19 Operating and Capital Budget Request, as also unanimously supported by the New York Community Colleges Association of Presidents and the Community College Business Officers Association.