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Dear Ken,

Thank you for your letter dated March 15, 2010, with summaries of the resolutions and sector reports developed at the University Faculty Senate's Winter Plenary.

I am pleased to provide responses to your resolutions as requested.

154-01-1 Resolution on the Executive Budget, January 2010

We would, of course, like to see these cuts restored. To that end, we have made the case to the Legislature, the Governor and the Division of Budget on many occasions over the past few months that these additional cuts are devastating and will compromise the quality and extent of the educational opportunities SUNY can offer New York. But we must also face the fact that the state's fiscal condition is so dire that large-scale restoration is highly unlikely. This bleak outlook is one of the primary reasons we have worked so hard for passage of the Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act. The Empowerment Act would go a long way toward stabilizing SUNY's finances and head off the widespread negative impact of these cuts to our campuses, our students and our workforce.

154-05-01 Resolution to Establish a System-wide Faculty Research and Scholarship Database

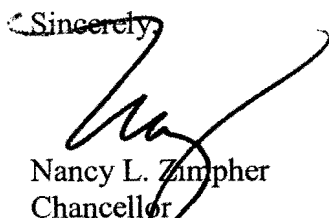
I believe that the Internet Information Portal (Knowledge4NY.org) project we have been pursuing with the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities would provide such a database. Of course, without a large commitment of funds, a project of this magnitude would put a considerable burden on not only System IT but also campuses' resources, which would have to provide and continually update data on their faculty as well. This notwithstanding, I would be interested to know whether UFS feels that this model would meet the criteria of the database you seek.

Should you have any further questions on these or other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

As always, you have my deepest appreciation for your partnership throughout the strategic planning process, your hard work representing the critical perspective of our faculty and your leadership on behalf of the State University of New York.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in New Paltz on Saturday!

Sincerely,



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