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Dear Ken,

Thank you for your letter of November 30, 2010, which included summaries of the resolutions and sector reports presented at the University Faculty Senate's Fall Plenary.

I am pleased to provide a response to resolution 156-01-1, as requested:

154-01-1 Resolution on Consultation with Governance

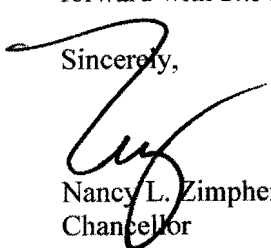
I agree that it is essential that campus administrators consult widely, but particularly with faculty governance and faculty in general, in formulating criteria to be used for programmatic deactivation or elimination (discontinuance).

Following this UFS resolution, we have changed the form that campuses must submit in order to deactivate or discontinue a program. The form clearly states that campus chief academic officers are required to attest that consultation with the faculty, following the campus's normal procedures, and, in particular, with faculty governance, has occurred. The form now states "Signature affirms that the proposal has met campus administrative and governance procedures for consultation."

The provost and his staff are open to a continuing dialogue to ensure that open and frank discussions precede such actions.

As ever, Ken, thank you for your partnership and strong support as we continue to move forward with *The Power of SUNY*.

Sincerely,


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