

**University Faculty Senate
Governance Committee
174th Plenary
SUNY Cortland
October 22, 2016**

Requesting Full Complements on College/University Councils

Whereas, each State-operated institution has a college council authorized by NYS Education Law § 356 (sometimes referred to as “university councils”), and the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry has a Board of Trustees authorized pursuant to NYS Education Law § 6003 (collectively referred to as “councils”); and

Whereas, subject to the general management, supervision, and control of the SUNY Board of Trustees, the councils are charged with various responsibilities for their respective institutions, including but not limited to the review of all major plans of the institution for the appraisal or improvement of the faculty and other personnel, expansion or restriction of student admissions, appraisal or improvement of academic programs and standards for the earning of degrees, expansion of institutional plants, opening or closing of a branch campus, and appraisal or improvement of student activities and housing; and

Whereas the councils also are charged with the important task of recommending to the SUNY Board of Trustees candidates to serve as campus President; and

Whereas, Education Law § 356 provides that, with the exception of SUNY ESF’s Board of Trustees, which shall have 15 members, each council should consist of 10 members; and

Whereas, the terms of many council members have expired and new appointments have not been made; and

Whereas, the councils cannot effectively and meaningfully fulfill their statutory responsibilities; and therefore

Be it Resolved, that the SUNY University Faculty Senate (“UFS”) strongly urges the Chancellor, the SUNY Board of Trustees, and the President of the UFS to present this concern to the Governor and ask that he expedite the appointment of members to vacant seats on each campus’ University or College Council that is not at its full complement of members.

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