

University Faculty Senate
Operations Committee
176th Plenary
SUNY Canton
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Resolution to Consider Impact of Broad-Based Fee Increases

Whereas decreasing state support and increasing operating costs have yielded increasing broad-based fees (see April 2017 Operations Committee Report for data);

Whereas some SUNY campuses are using fees to cover personnel and Other Than Personal Service (OTPS) costs that should be funded through state lines, thereby also increasing total campus expenses for students due to incurring fringe benefit costs that would otherwise have been covered by the state;

Whereas fees are not covered by some funding sources, including the proposed Excelsior Scholarship;

Whereas students and their families may view fees at SUNY institutions negatively and may result in opting to enroll elsewhere; therefore

Be It Resolved that the University Faculty Senate recommends to SUNY System Administration and individual campuses that increases in broad-based fees be closely scrutinized to ensure the appropriate balance of addressing both immediate fiscal need and long-term institutional financial viability, student enrollment impact, and persistence/graduation outcomes.

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Referred back to Executive Committee