

**University Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
159th Plenary
Purchase College
October 22, 2011**

Resolution on Evaluation of Shared Services

Whereas, the University Faculty Senate has been concerned about increases in administrative costs, its effects on resources available for academic programs and services, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees has indicated in its resolution of June 15, 2011, that SUNY campuses should find ways to share and/or consolidate administrative services, realign academic offerings and enhance procurement efficiencies to allow for enhanced spending on instruction and student services, and

Whereas, System Administration has encouraged campuses to find ways to share services through regional and other partnerships, and

Whereas, System Administration is establishing an oversight process to review these shared services and other cost-saving measures,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the University Faculty Senate requests that the Chancellor ensure the oversight process includes:

- a system-wide committee consisting of faculty (including a representative of the UFS Operations Committee), students, and administrative staff, to guide this process, and
- appropriate measures (such as benchmarking) and procedures for fiscal accountability be identified and developed, in order to calculate the savings achieved from any and all of these shared services, and
- these measures demonstrate the extent to which enhanced spending on academic programs is achieved, and
- both quantitative and qualitative outcomes resulting from shared services be identified, considered, and addressed, and
- in order to facilitate transparency and assist campuses in assessing institutional effectiveness, data collected by SUNY as part of this initiative be available to campus administrations and local governance bodies, and

Be it Further Resolved that a report on the shared services initiative be presented to the University Faculty Senate no less frequently than annually.

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