

University Faculty Senate
Health Sciences Sector
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SUNY Oswego
October 27, 2012

Resolution for Support of Downstate Medical Center

Rationale:

Downstate Medical Center, one of 64 SUNY campuses (and five health care campuses), is undergoing significant financial challenges, due in large part to its provision of medical services to a population that includes a large proportion of the indigent and underinsured, changing reimbursement rates for government programs, and a failure by the state to maintain its support. The current fiscal crisis has required administrative oversight and an unprecedented infusion of operating capital by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Whereas the creation of a diverse, well-educated health care professions work force is integral to the well-being of all residents of New York City and New York State, and

Whereas the SUNY Downstate Medical Center, with approximately 1800 students and 8000 faculty and staff, is one of the leading health science educational institutions in and for the City and State of New York, and

Whereas SUNY Downstate Medical Center contributes more physicians to New York City's workforce than any other educational institution, and offers unique programs in the New York City area such as medical informatics and diagnostic medical imaging, and

Whereas SUNY Downstate Medical Center leads all New York schools in graduating health care professionals from under-represented groups, which truly is *making diversity count*, and

Whereas Downstate is integral to scientific discovery, and is among the top SUNY campuses obtaining research grants, and has the only Nobel Prize winner who earned the prize while working on a SUNY campus, and

Whereas University Hospital of Brooklyn provides a majority of the clinical education that Downstate's students require, and

Whereas Downstate's mission of education, research and service provides significant value to the citizens of New York City and New York State

Therefore, be it resolved that the University Faculty Senate supports our Downstate colleagues in their efforts to achieve the institution's mission of education, patient care, research and service.

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Passed Unanimously