

**University Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
165th Plenary
SUNY Maritime
October 25, 2013**

**Resolution on the Board of Trustees Recommendation on the Use of Admissions Criteria for
Teacher Education Programs**

Whereas, the SUNY Board of Trustees has proposed specific admissions criteria for teacher education programs; and

Whereas, we strongly support the need for SUNY teacher education programs to attract and retain highly qualified candidates; and

Whereas, attracting exceptional candidates depends on many factors, not merely GPA or test scores; and

Whereas, preliminary data indicate that the emphasis on GPA and test scores will have a significant negative impact on the numbers of candidates in critically-needed areas including STEM students, transfer students and students from underrepresented groups,

Therefore, be it resolved that System Administration create a Task Force on Predictive Indicators of Teacher Candidate Quality which will include representatives from faculty governance;

And be it further resolved that this Task Force work with the Provost's Office, the SUNY Deans and Directors of Education, and appropriate faculty and staff to gather new data as needed to be combined with existing data and to analyze these data to determine effective indicators of teacher candidate success;

And be it further resolved that the Task Force be charged to complete its work by June 30, 2014;

And be it further resolved that the changes to admissions criteria be held in abeyance until the Task Force on Predictive Indicators of Teacher Candidate Quality has completed its work.

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