

**University Faculty Senate
Governance Committee
166th Plenary
University at Albany
January 24, 2014**

Resolution on the Status of the New York State College of Ceramics

Whereas the New York State College of Ceramics has been an integral part of the State University of New York since the founding of SUNY in 1948, and

Whereas the New York State College of Ceramics has, for more than a century, been a premier institution within its mission fields of visual fine arts, ceramics, glass, and materials, and

Whereas the New York State College of Ceramics is operated by Alfred University under contract with the State University of New York, and

Whereas the State of New York provides in excess of \$10 million per year in support of the New York State College of Ceramics, and

Whereas concerns have been expressed to the University Faculty Senate about the marginalization of the New York State College of Ceramics within the Alfred University community, and

Whereas the link on the State University of New York website for the College of Ceramics points to the homepage of Alfred University, which in turn has no direct link to the New York State College of Ceramics nor any mention of it, and

Whereas the New York State College of Ceramics has no uniquely identifiable page on the Alfred University website, and

Whereas faculty representatives to the University Faculty Senate from the New York State College of Ceramics have repeatedly expressed to the Senate their concern regarding the diminished identity of the New York State College of Ceramics and the contributions of the State University of New York within the Alfred University community, and have further identified concerns regarding the use of state funds provided to Alfred University for purposes other than the support of the New York State College of Ceramics,

Whereas, the resolution in support of NYS College of Ceramics passed by the University Faculty Senate in 2005 (142-02-1) has not been fully implemented.

Now therefore be it resolved that

The University Faculty Senate expresses its concern to the Chancellor of the State University of New York and to the Board of Trustees with respect to the diminution and obfuscation of the identity of the New York State College of Ceramics within the Alfred University community, as well as its concern that

state funds provided to Alfred University in support of the New York State College of Ceramics are not being used for the intended purpose, and

Be it further resolved that

The University Faculty Senate requests the Chancellor to undertake a study of the relationship between the State University of New York, Alfred University, and the New York State College of Ceramics, such study to include consideration of alternate structural arrangements such as the affiliation of the New York State College of Ceramics with another SUNY unit.

166-02-1 without dissent

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January 25, 2014