

**University Faculty Senate
168th Plenary
SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry
October 25, 2014**

Resolution on Reduction on the Maximum Working Hours for Student Assistants

Whereas the mission of the State University of New York (SUNY) is to provide the people of New York State with educational services of the highest quality and with the broadest possible access; and

Whereas the cost of higher education borne by students including those attending SUNY has risen in recent years; and

Whereas the cost of education can be prohibitive, affect access and affordability, and contribute to indebtedness for students and their families; and

Whereas a student's inability to earn sufficient wages could result in lack of persistence toward graduation, and/or delayed graduation; and

Whereas previous recommendations from the Provost's Office and the Student Affairs Office state that students who are in good academic standing may be allowed to work more than 20 hours per week and students who are struggling academically should continue to be limited to 20 hours per week when classes are in session; and

Whereas the SUNY Human Resources document 8300 policy of September 1, 2014, has limited student assistant working hours to twenty-nine (29) per week may present a significant financial hardship;

Therefore Be it resolved that the University Faculty Senate requests that SUNY System Administration work with the State of New York to remove the limitation on student assistant working hours; and

Be it further resolved that the University Faculty Senate urges the Chancellor to support any and all other efforts to provide students with insurance options so that student working hours not be limited.

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Passed**