

**University Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
169th Plenary
Farmingdale State College
January 24, 2015**

Resolution in Support of the 2015 Budget Request of the State University of New York

Whereas, the State University of New York has demonstrated itself to be an excellent steward of state construction funding over the past five years, and

Whereas, the State University of New York has used the investments provided by NY SUNY2020 wisely and well, by developing a large number of new academic programs in high-needs areas, and

Whereas, the State University of New York has created a comprehensive performance based assessment system that allows for each campus to determine its areas of focused improvement, and

Whereas, the State University of New York has initiated Open SUNY, an integrated system of distance education that allows for campus program initiatives and faculty authority over the curriculum, and

Whereas, the SUNY Board of Trustees has submitted a budget request for 2015-16 that would increase State funding to SUNY to cover mandated and inflationary costs and establish two new funds: a \$50 million-per-year Master Innovator program and a \$50 million-per-year Innovation Fund, each for five years;

Therefore, Be It Resolved,

The University Faculty Senate of the State University of New York most strongly endorses and supports the 2015-16 budget request of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, and be it further

Resolved the UFS urges faculty and staff colleagues to advocate for SUNY on behalf of this budget request.

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Passed without Dissent