

**University Faculty Senate
Executive Committee
170th Plenary
SUNY Plattsburgh
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Resolution on the Funding of the National Science Foundation

Background:

The United States House of Representatives Science, Space and Technology Committee released its version of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 on April 15, 2015 and the bill is currently moving through the House. This bill serves as authorizing legislation for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and other basic science agencies.

Resolution:

Whereas, the current version of America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 attempts to micro-manage the National Science Foundation by providing specific authorizations for NSF's individual directorates; and

Whereas, the current version of the bill would cut funding to the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate by a factor of almost 45% below FY 2015 levels; and

Whereas, social science research is essential to well-rounded and comprehensive public debate in a free society, and that research in social science is essential to a national science research agenda; and

Whereas, we believe that efforts to single out certain disciplines for reductions in funding threaten the integrity of the rigorous scientific review process that federal agencies use to fund research that advances knowledge; therefore

Be it resolved that the State University of New York University Faculty Senate urges Congress to reject this bill and to instead pass legislation that funds the NSF as a whole and that provides sufficient funds to increase monies in all areas of scientific endeavor; and

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be communicated with the leadership of the State University of New York, members of the New York Congressional delegation, and the leadership of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States.

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Passed without Dissent

