



TO: SUNY University Faculty Senate
FROM: Barry Jones, Binghamton University Faculty Senate Committee Chair, and Jill Dixon, Binghamton University Faculty Senate Chair
Patrick Doyle and Sara Reiter, Binghamton University Senators; Matthew Wolf-Meyer, Binghamton University Alternate Senator; Peter Knuepfer, UFS Immediate Past President and Binghamton University Faculty Member
RE: Resolution: Recognition of 2019 Nobel Prize for Chemistry Awarded to Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science M. Stanley Whittingham
DATE: 183rd Plenary, October 10-12, 2019
LOCATION: System Administration, Albany
RESOLUTION #: 183-05-01 w/o dissent
VOTE TALLY: For: 47 / Against: 0 / Abstain: 0

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS the Nobel Prize is recognized as the highest achievement bestowed upon researchers and scholars within their discipline, which is given to “reward the discoveries that have conferred the greatest benefit to humankind” (Nobel Prize Organization);

WHEREAS since 1901, the Nobel Prize of Chemistry has been given to the most highly distinguished individuals for their contributions to the field of chemistry; and

WHEREAS Prof. M. Stanley Whittingham of Binghamton University has been awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his leading role in the development of lithium-ion batteries, and recognizes the impact of his research on lithium-ion batteries that are “used globally to power the portable electronics that we use to communicate, work, study, listen to music and search for knowledge. Lithium ion batteries have also enabled the development of long-range electric cars and the storage of energy from renewable sources, such as solar and wind power” (Nobel Prize Organization)

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Faculty Senate congratulates Distinguished Professor M. Stanley Whittingham for being awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UFS recognizes and honors Distinguished Professor Whittingham’s sustained ground-breaking research and significant contributions to Binghamton University and SUNY more generally.

BACKGROUND:

Nobel Prize Organization - <https://www.nobelprize.org/the-nobel-prize-organisation/>

SUNY Nobel Laureates - <https://www.rfsuny.org/rf-news/nobel-laureates/>