



**TO:** SUNY University Faculty Senate  
**FROM:** Undergraduate Academic Programs and Policies Committee  
**RE:** Resolution: Recognition of COVID-19 Pandemic Response and the Need for Continued Support  
**DATE:** 188th Plenary, April 22-24, 2021  
**LOCATION:** Online  
**RESOLUTION #:** 188-04-1  
**VOTE TALLY:** For: 41 / Against: 1 / Abstain: 0

#### RATIONALE:

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the entire SUNY community; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY campuses were directed as of March 2020 to halt face to face learning and services at their campuses and quickly transition to remote learning and services while continuing the strong commitment to education; and

**WHEREAS** faculty, staff, and administration have worked untiringly and cooperatively at continuing the SUNY mission to “provide to the people of New York educational services of the highest quality, with the broadest possible access” despite the changing modalities, sometimes challenging technological infrastructure, and increased family responsibilities, providing remarkable care and support for our students and colleagues during this time; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY has led health efforts through collective public responsibility, having administered over 1 million tests for the novel coronavirus on SUNY campuses and assisting with innumerable vaccinations at various state and county vaccination sites, often staffed with volunteer labor from SUNY faculty, staff, and administration; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY faculty and staff have led educational efforts through the working and re-working of courses and scholarly opportunities for faculty and students across SUNY; and

**WHEREAS** SUNY faculty, staff, and administration will continue to experience physical, mental, emotional, and professional effects from the pandemic for the foreseeable future.

#### RESOLUTION:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SUNY University Faculty Senate acknowledges the incredible hard work, growth, and resilience exhibited over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic by SUNY faculty, staff, administration and students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SUNY University Faculty Senate encourages campus entities (such as archives, historians, or teaching resource repositories as appropriate to the campus), with the collaboration of shared governance bodies, to compile the extraordinary efforts put forth by SUNY faculty and staff to support students throughout the crisis, as well as recognize best practices and unexpected positive outcomes from the pandemic; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SUNY University Faculty Senate recognizes the efforts made by System Administration to support campuses through shared governance and requests that SUNY Administration continue its commitment to engaging shared governance in long-term responses to the Covid-19 pandemic; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SUNY University Faculty Senate requests that SUNY Administration continue support of health/mental health services and professional development for faculty and staff as we continue to work through and beyond the pandemic and its unknown consequences.