

To: The Executive Committee of the Student Assembly of SUNY

From: Aaron Krolikowski, Chair, Rules and Operations Committee

On behalf of the Rules Committee, I herby recommend the following resolution for consideration.

*Whereas*, the students of New York State can neither afford nor accept an irrational tuition policy, and

*Whereas*, a rational tuition plan removes tuition policy from the political constraints currently placed on it, and allows it to fluctuate as academic and economic needs demand, and

*Whereas*, the institutions of SUNY demand continuous and guaranteed funding, and

*Whereas*, the funding of state agencies fluctuates with economic performance, and

*Whereas*, the growth and economic development of communities across the state is dependent on the growth and success of the SUNY system, and

*Whereas*, the potential and current SUNY students and their families deserve and require the ability to financially plan for the future. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, the students of the State University of New York believe that the State University of New York should not be considered a state agency with the aim of protecting the SUNY system from across the budget cuts and freezes

*Resolved*, the students of the State University of New York endorse a rational tuition policy for the SUNY system. Also be it

*Resolved*, that a rational tuition plan is a plan that includes a predictable and annual tuition increase tied directly to an inflationary index, not to exceed the 20 year inflationary average. Finally be it resolved,

*Resolved*, that any rational tuition plan and subsequent tuition increase must be tied directly to an increase in funding at the campus level with the aim to increase academic and support services for the betterment of students across the SUNY system.