

**University Faculty Senate  
Executive Committee  
160th Plenary  
Cornell University  
January 28, 2012**

**SUNY University Faculty Senate Resolution on CUNY's Failure to Use the Principle of Shared Governance in Establishing a New Curriculum**

Whereas a core principle of college and university governance is the faculty's responsibility for designing and teaching the curriculum, and

Whereas a core principle of shared governance is that the agency by which faculty are appointed to campus-wide or system-wide curriculum committees is the faculty governance organization, and

Whereas the administration of the City University of New York bypassed the appropriate faculty governance committees to approve Pathways, its new general education program for the University, and

Whereas Middle States, Standard Four documents the necessity for faculty governance in the development and delivery of curricula, and

Whereas the American Association of University Professors has termed the process by which this curriculum was designed as one that runs "counter to generally accepted standards of governance,"

Therefore, Be It Resolved

The SUNY University Faculty Senate urges the CUNY administration to withhold the implementation of any curriculum that has not been recommended by the appropriate University or College faculty governance committee or body. To do otherwise risks institutional censure by national organizations, accreditation by Middle States and disrepute for the University.

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Pass Unanimously

