



MEMORANDUM

September 14, 2016

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: H. Carl McCall, Chairman

SUBJECT: Student Life Committee of the Board of Trustees

Action Requested

The proposed resolution authorizes the creation of a standing Student Life Committee of the Board of Trustees

Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the State University of New York is dedicated to providing a comprehensive education to meet the needs of the more than 600,000 full and part-time students attending SUNY institutions; and

Whereas the importance of co-curricular programs that support student life outside classrooms, laboratories, and studios is widely acknowledged; and

Whereas SUNY strives to ensure the safety, security, and health and wellness of all its students; and

Whereas childcare services, student financial literacy, community engagement, residential life, and athletic and recreation programs have an important role in promoting and supporting student success; and

Whereas it is necessary to focus greater attention on many of the issues related to student life within the context of student success in its broadest definition; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Student Life Committee shall be created as a standing committee of the Board of Trustees to provide oversight and policy direction on issues related to students' co-curricular experiences and the programs and services provided on the campuses throughout the SUNY system; and, be it further

Resolved that the Chairman shall appoint members of the Student Life Committee and advise the Board as to its membership.

Background

Given recent trends in student life in areas related to health and safety, student engagement, childcare services, athletics and clubs sports, and residence life, there is a need for a dedicated standing committee to review issues, programs, and services, and provide policy recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

The resolution calls for the Student Life Committee to work with the Board of Trustees and its constituent committees to highlight student life issues and support policies and programs that enhance student engagement and success.