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MEMORANDUM

June 20, 2019

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Kristina M. Johnson, Chancellor

SUBJECT: SUNY Statement on Foreign Disclosure and Export Controls

Action Requested

The proposed resolution requires the publication of a SUNY Statement on Foreign Disclosure and Export Controls

Resolution

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

Whereas the State University of New York values international collaboration in research and education which provides new perspectives and affords faculty, students and staff with global research and learning experience; and

Whereas SUNY researchers conduct approximately 1.6 billion dollars in research and development activities annually to advance knowledge, transform lives, benefit society and empower economic growth; and

Whereas the U.S. government has expressed serious and growing concerns regarding inappropriate influence by some foreign entities over federally-funded research; and

Whereas the failure of federally-funded researchers at U.S. institutions to disclose their relationships and activities with foreign institutions and funding agencies not only causes reputational damage, but also has the potential to lead to criminal and/or civil liability for the researchers and their institutions; and

Whereas informed and proactive compliance with U.S. export control laws and regulations is critical to our national security; and

Whereas SUNY, as a public university system, is strongly committed to transparency and integrity in international research and educational collaborations and assuring compliance with the U.S. export control laws and regulations; and

Whereas, SUNY researchers and other officials are also governed by related requirements under the NYS Public Officers Law; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Chancellor, or designee, release a Statement on Foreign Disclosure and Export Controls, which shall address applicable requirements under state and federal law, and provide advice and resources with regard to making necessary disclosures and managing foreign relationships related to University research and education; and, be it further

Resolved that SUNY state-operated campuses will provide training and/or resources regarding foreign interest disclosure and export control laws and regulations.