

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FIVE-YEAR TUITION PLAN FOR SUNY**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of SUNY Fredonia is to educate students at the baccalaureate and master's level, while at the same time providing economic, social, and cultural support to the region, and

**WHEREAS**, the State University of New York is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States, educating more than 467,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs on 64 campuses with more than 2.5 million alumni around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, SUNY Fredonia has the potential to create unprecedented opportunities not just for current and future college students and their families, but for businesses and industry through the SUNY Fredonia School of Business; and

**WHEREAS**, New York has done an outstanding job of limiting reliance on tuition to support SUNY Fredonia's operations – holding tuition at \$4,970 per year – among the lowest in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the means by which this tuition rate has been achieved are anything but fair and predictable, SUNY campuses having been allowed to raise tuition only 13 times over the last 48 years – the smallest of which was 7 percent and the highest of which was 43 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, a five-year tuition plan that is fair, equitable and responsible and keeps all tuition revenues at SUNY campuses without corresponding cuts will provide current and future students and their families the ability to adequately plan ahead and know any tuition increase will be used to enhance educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is unwaveringly clear that the past, present, and future of the State of New York is uniquely tied to its State University; and

**WHEREAS**, SUNY state-operated campuses have been the only New York public higher education sector to be subject to mid-year gubernatorial reductions without the concurrence of the legislature, and have frequently been the only part of state government to deal with the costs associated with collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the Governor's Office of Employee Relations without state funding, thereby eroding the state's maintenance of effort; and

**WHEREAS**, SUNY campuses must have fiscal stability to be able to carry out their responsibility;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SUNY Fredonia School of Business Advisory Council hereby supports the State University's proposal for the enactment of a five-year rational tuition plan; as well as a commitment to the maintenance of effort throughout any given year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the SUNY Fredonia School of Business Advisory Council encourages the State Legislature to support this proposal and pass it into New York State Law, **AND, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the SUNY Fredonia School of Business Advisory Council shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

The resolution was unanimously approved March 8, 2011 by members of the SUNY Fredonia School of Business Advisory Council:

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