

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

**WHEREAS**, the mission of SUNY Fredonia is to educate students while providing economic, social, and cultural support to Western New York, and

**WHEREAS**, SUNY Fredonia's tuition is only \$4,970 per year – among the lowest in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, historically SUNY tuition has been anything but fair and predictable, SUNY 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**, SUNY, being the largest comprehensive university system in the United States, has the potential to create unprecedented opportunities for current and future college students and their families, as well as for businesses and industry, and the workforce of the State of New York; and

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

**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**, 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

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the SUNY Fredonia University Senate 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 University Senate encourages the State Legislature to support this proposal and pass it into New York State Law, and

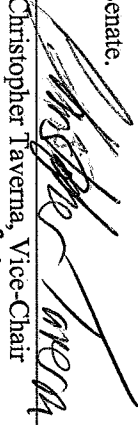
**AND, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the SUNY Fredonia University Senate shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Approved March 7, 2011 by the SUNY Fredonia University Senate.

  
Dr. Dale Tuggy, Chair

  
Dr. Reneta Barneva, University Senator

  
Dr. Andrew Mullison, Governance Officer

  
Mr. Christopher Faverra, Vice-Chair

  
Dr. Sandra Liggins, Faculty Secretary