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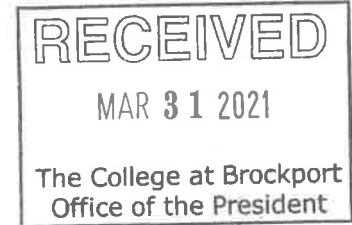
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**Resolution # 11 2020-21
College Senate**

Supersedes Resolution #

To: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President
From: Cathy Houston-Wilson, College Senate President
Re:

- I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)
- II. Recommendation (Urging the Fitness of)
- III. Other, For Your Information (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)



SUBJ: Support for UFS Executive Committee's Vote of No Confidence (#15_20-21 EC)

Signed: Cathy Houston-Wilson Date: 3/31/21
(Dr. Cathy Houston-Wilson, 2020-2021 College Senate President)

Implementation of resolution requires final approval from:

SUNY Yes No NYS Dept of Education Yes No

Signed: Eileen Daniel Date: 3-1-21
(Dr. Eileen Daniel, Vice Provost, SUNY Brockport)

Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice below)

- a. Accepted
- b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate
- c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation.

Signed: Heidi Macpherson Date: 5/5/2021
(Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President, SUNY Brockport)

Implementation Effective Date: _____

DISTRIBUTION:

The College Senate President will forward the signed resolution to the Vice Provost for determination as to whether the implementation of the resolution requires final approval from SUNY and/or the State Education Dept. The Vice Provost will then sign and forward the resolution with that designation to the College President. Upon approval, the College President will forward the resolution to an Administrative Assistant who will distribute the final resolution to the Senate Office. The Senate Office will scan the resolution and send to the Coordinator of Digital Commons where it will be posted to https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/senate_resolutions/

**COLLEGE SENATE OFFICE
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: January 31

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See https://brockport.edu/support/college_senate/proposals.html for full details. Complete this cover page. Email it along with all relevant files (individual .docx or .pdf files) to senate@brockport.edu. Your proposal will be made into an ADA compliant PDF, will receive page numbering and a routing number, and will be forwarded onto the appropriate committee chair(s).

Routing Number <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office</i>	15_20-21EC
This Proposal Replaces Resolution	
Revision Date(s)	
Anticipated Effective Date:	

Title of Proposal in Title Style

Resolution in support of the UFS Executive Committee's Vote of No Confidence in the Politically Appointed Members of the SUNY Board of Trustees

Brief Description of Proposal

This resolution asks the College Senate to endorse the Joint UFS-FCCC resolution from 21 August 2020 of a vote of no confidence in the politically appointed members of the SUNY Board of Trustees, in response to the Board of Trustees' appointment of Chancellor Malatras without conducting a search that meets standards of shared governance and effective leadership of our University System.

Budgetary Resources Needed

none

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Data

none

Effect on Transfer Students

none

Proposer Information

Katherine Clark Walter and John Keiser, University Faculty Senators

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Standing Committee	Forwarded To	Dates Forwarded
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Committee	Standing Committee	11/2/2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Engagement & Enrollment Planning & Policies	Executive Committee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Senate	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education & Curriculum Policies	Passed GED's go to Vice Provost	
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Curriculum & Policies	College President	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	OTHER	
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

NOTES:

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS the State University of New York (SUNY), like other public higher education systems across the nation, is committed to fulfilling its core academic mission, to transform students' lives and life chances, and serve the state as a foundation for democracy, platform for civic engagement, engine of economic development, pathway to the middle class, magnet for population growth and private investment, and generators of health, creativity, and innovation; and

WHEREAS the SUNY Faculty Council of Community Colleges (SUNY FCCC), the SUNY Student Assembly (SUNY SA), and the SUNY University Faculty Senate (SUNY UFS) have advocated for following transparent and established process in searches for campus and SUNY System Administration leaders; and

WHEREAS SUNY has a national reputation as a leader in the practice of shared governance, as evidenced by the SUNY Voices initiative which has sponsored conferences, edited volumes, and leadership trainings on shared governance; and

WHEREAS legitimate, broad-based and transparent search processes in higher education represent a best practice in shared governance as per the AAUP Statement on Governance; and

WHEREAS searches for the SUNY Chancellor over the last two decades have followed transparent and established search processes, resulting in excellent outcomes; and

WHEREAS the politically appointed members of the Board of Trustees have ignored this proud history that in the past demonstrated shared governance in chancellor and presidential searches at SUNY and its campuses; and

WHEREAS the SUNY Board of Trustees approved the Resolution on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in September of 2015 in order to grow the diversity of SUNY's system and campus leadership, as well as its faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS in bypassing a transparent and inclusive national search process, the politically appointed members of the SUNY Board of Trustees have neglected to actualize the goals of the Resolution on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; and

WHEREAS the current budget and health crises do not necessitate the abandonment of shared governance, in that collaboration and inclusive decision-making instead will generate the best decisions going forward; and

WHEREAS the politically appointed members of the Board of Trustees have condoned the unilateral appointment of a Chancellor, acting in a manner that disregards norms, practices and traditions in higher education;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SUNY Brockport College Senate endorses the resolution of the SUNY FCCC, SUNY SA, and SUNY UFS that expresses no confidence in the politically appointed members of the SUNY Board of Trustees who voted in favor of the appointment of a new chancellor on August 21, 2020, given their action regarding the appointment of the 14th chancellor without conducting a search that meets standards of shared governance and effective leadership of our University System.



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To: Cathy Houston-Wilson, College Senate president

From: Heidi Macpherson, President

Date: May 5, 2021

Re: Senate Proposal to 11 2020-21

Thank you for sending on proposal #11 2020-21, Support for the UFS Executive Committee's Vote of No Confidence.

I am rejecting this resolution because the Board of Trustees followed their policies regarding the appointment of Chancellor Malatras.

Regarding the appointment of the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees Policy simply states:

Appointment.

- (a) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.
- (b) At any time during the period of appointment, the Board of Trustees may evaluate the services of the Chancellor.
- (c) The Chancellor, upon appointment, shall be appointed to the faculty of the University in a position of academic rank with continuing appointment.

The policy is silent on the method of appointment. Thus the Board of Trustees did not contravene policy. UFS may wish the Board of Trustees to outline the process of appointment, and thus require a national search, but current policy does not require it.

