

March 3, 2023

Sydney Faught
Chair
University Senate

SUBJECT: Senate Consultation Process: Reunification CNSE - UAlbany

Dear Sydney,

As the University Senate knows from my December 14, 2022 letter to the campus community and through several briefing meetings, the SUNY Board of Trustees (BOT) approved a resolution to direct UAlbany leadership to work closely with our colleagues and partners at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) and SUNY Poly to develop a masterplan for the reunification of CNSE and UAlbany.

As part of this process, I established a Steering Committee and five (5) working groups to inform the creation of a masterplan and timeline for the CNSE-UAlbany reunification. As part of our consultation process with the University Senate, you designated Senate representatives to the Steering Committee and to each of the five workgroups, which also have CNSE faculty representation.

In addition, I briefed the Senate Executive Committee (01/25/2023) and the Provost briefed the full Senate (02/08/2023) on this reunification. At both meetings, the Provost and I addressed questions related to this process. Although the University Senate is represented in all our planning groups, we would be happy to have our workgroup chairs provide updates to the University Senate and the corresponding committees, as you deem appropriate.

We are very pleased to report that SUNY Poly recently (February 28, 2023) submitted to the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) the required Substantive Change Report and the Teach-Out Plan and supporting documents, which will also be used by the New York State Education Department in support of transferring CNSE's academic programs to UAlbany. Consequently, we are making excellent progress toward our reunification goal.

The UAlbany-CNSE reunification website (<https://www.albany.edu/cnse>) contains additional information about the BOT resolution and the reunification process.

If the Senate has any recommendations or feedback, these can be provided directly to the corresponding workgroup or can be directed to the Provost and me. As you know from Steering Committee discussions, our goal is to provide the requested masterplan to the SUNY BOT by April 5, 2023 in anticipation that these documents will be reviewed in one of their upcoming meetings. Again, if you have recommendations that may

impact the planning or the implementation process, please let us know as soon as possible.

As previously discussed, our goal is to have most of the reunification process completed by the fall semester so that CNSE faculty, staff, and students can commence the Fall 2023 semester as part of UAlbany, pending approval by all the corresponding accrediting agencies.

I look forward to the University Senate's continued and active engagement in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Rodríguez', written in a cursive style.

Havidán Rodríguez
President

c. Provost Carol Kim; Tim Sergay; Alec Dawson; Steve Galime; Claudia Hernández