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**Statement by Senate Chair and UPPC member Range to be added at the end of the UPPC Report**

The term “fiscal autonomy” does not appear in the April 20, 2004 Board of Trustees Resolution. The relevant text reads:

“**Resolved**, that the State University of New York hereby establishes the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering as an academic unit within the University at Albany-SUNY headed by a Vice-President.....”

The December 16, 2004 MOU between Interim President Ryan and Vice President Kaloyeros uses the term “Budgetary Autonomy” in the heading for item III. However, the relevant subsection III.1 does not establish “budgetary autonomy” or “fiscal autonomy” of CNSE separately from UAlbany. The actual text reads:

“Establish the budget of CNSE as *a separate and stand alone line item within the UAlbany campus budget* that is not subject to oversight by the University Senate or Senate councils and committees.” (Emphasis added)

This MOU, and in particular the quoted text, was never discussed or approved by the UAlbany Senate or by any of its councils or committees. Removal of UAlbany Senate oversight appears to be inconsistent with the Bylaws of UAlbany, Article I.2.2.3:

"2.2.3. The Faculty shall provide ongoing consultation on institution-wide budget or business initiatives that affect the teaching, research, or service programs of the University. Detailed annual reports shall be provided on actual budget expenditures."

The “fiscal autonomy” of CNSE from UAlbany was established by the November 18, 2008 SUNY BOT Resolution.