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GSA Assembly Meeting Agenda March 3rd

5:00-7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Approval of last meetings (December 3rd/ February 4th) minutes
2. Approval of the agenda
3. New Business
  1. Administration discussion of revised SUNY Strategic Plan
  2. Confirmation of Vice President
  3. Confirmation of DEI Chair
  4. Resolution to endorse UAlbany as a Flagship Institution

Next meeting: Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 5-7pm via Zoom.



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## Resolution to Endorse UAlbany as a Flagship Academic Institution

Resolution Number: 2203\_1

**Introduced by:** Andrew Gill, GSA President (gsapresident@albany.edu)

**GSA Sponsor(s):** Andrew Gill, GSA President (gsapresident@albany.edu)

Adopted by the University at Albany Graduate Student Association Assembly on 3/4/22

**Summary:** This resolution is in response to Governor Hochul's lack of an inclusion of the University at Albany as one of the State University of New York's flagship universities. The University at Albany Graduate Student Association endorses the notion of including the University at Albany on the list of the State University of New York's flagship universities.

### Whereas

- I. On January 5, 2022, New York Governor Kathy Hochul outlined a new bold vision for the State University of New York (SUNY) system in the annual State of the State;
- II. This plan includes the fusing of the SUNY Polytechnic College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering campus with the University at Albany campus;
- III. The fusion of these two campuses would make the University at Albany the largest research institution within the SUNY System;
- IV. Governor Kathy Hochul announced in the annual State of the State that the new vision for SUNY would designate the University at Buffalo and Stony Brook University as flagship institutions of the SUNY system;
- V. The University at Albany is centrally located within the SUNY system and the state by being in the city of Albany, the state's capital city;
- VI. The University at Albany is already a large research university with an R1 designation;
- VII. The fusion of SUNY Polytechnic CNSE and the University at Albany would by far qualify the University at Albany to have the flagship institution designation;
- VIII. A flagship institution designation would open the University at Albany up to receiving more grant-based support for research, student aid, infrastructure upgrades, and more;

<sup>1</sup><https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/remarks-prepared-governor-hochul-delivers-2022-state-state>

- IX. A flagship institution designation would allow for greater research opportunities for students—in particular graduate students—and faculty at the University at Albany, and;
- X. A flagship institution designation would make the University at Albany one of the top schools in the nation.

**Therefore, be it resolved that**

- I. The Graduate Student Association formally endorses Governor Kathy Hochul’s bold vision for SUNY and the fusion of SUNY Polytechnic CNSE with the University at Albany;
- II. The Graduate Student Association urges the University at Albany to advocate for the fusion of these two campuses;
- III. The Graduate Student Association endorses the idea that University at Albany receive the flagship institution designation;
- IV. The Graduate Student Association urges the University to advocate for Albany to receive the flagship institution designation;
- V. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Merryl Tisch, Chairwoman of the State University of New York Board of Trustees; Bradley Hershenson, President of the State University of New York Student Assembly and State University of New York Trustee; Oluwademilade Ogunlade, Vice President of the State University of New York Student Assembly; James Kinney, Secretary of the State University of New York Student Assembly; Jacob Eckhaus, Treasurer of the State University of New York Student Assembly; Dylan Klein, Director of Government Relations of the State University of New York Student Assembly; Samil Levin, Director of Policy of the State University of New York Student Assembly; Havidán Rodríguez, President of the University at Albany; Carol Kim, Provost Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University at Albany; Thenkurussi (Kesh) Kesavadas, Vice President for Research and Economic Development; Abdoullah Goudiaby, President of the Student Association; and Nicholas Chin, Chairman of the Student Association Senate.

**GSA Co-sponsors:** N/A