

**TO:** Chancellor King  
**FROM:** University Faculty Senate  
**RE:** Resolution on Rational Fiscal Policy  
**DATE:** January 18, 2002

#### RATIONALE

WHEREAS the economic and scientific competitiveness of New York State is dependent on an educated citizenry, and

WHEREAS the quality of that education is linked to appropriate state support, and

WHEREAS SUNY is committed to providing broad access to quality state supported higher education, and

WHEREAS there is a clear indication that greater numbers of New York State students will seek a SUNY education, and

WHEREAS the lack of a long range funding policy makes financial planning difficult for students and their parents, SUNY campuses, and the State of New York,

WHEREAS the lack of a long range funding policy threatens continuation of excellence in teaching and research that exists within the SUNY system, and hence long term ability to compete with other universities;

#### RESOLUTION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chancellor, working with the University Faculty Senate, governmental bodies, and other appropriate constituencies, develop a long term, rational fiscal policy to include increased state support and to address such factors as enrollment growth and inflation to ensure the quality of public higher education in New York State.