



THE STATE UNIVERSITY *of* NEW YORK

Marti Anne Ellermann

January 20, 2011

*Interim University
Counsel*

*State University Plaza
Albany, New York
12246*

*518 320 1400
Fax - 518 320 1541*

*marti.ellermann@suny.edu
www.suny.edu*

To: Presidents, State-operated Campuses

From: Marti Anne Ellermann
Interim University Counsel

Subject: Board of Trustees Directive on College Council Review

This to advise you that the State University Board of Trustees passed a resolution at its January 11, 2011 meeting that provides direction to campuses on those matters that should be considered major plans under the NYS Education Law Section 356 and, therefore, brought before the College Council for review and recommendation prior to implementation by the campus. A formal Council resolution should be adopted reflecting such review and any recommendations. Following this process, the plan and Council action should be submitted to the Board of Trustees for its approval.

A copy of the resolution adopted at the recent Board meeting is attached. It is effective immediately. We realize that this may create additional burdens on some campuses; however, it is intended to clarify past practice and protect SUNY campuses from legal challenges to administrative actions that are being taken to address the current fiscal realities. We expect to monitor the process over the coming year and will recommend any changes that become necessary.

Any questions about this resolution and its scope should be directed to your campus counsel or to me. Thank you for your thoughtful comments on the earlier draft.

Attachment

cc: Chancellor Zimpher
Monica Rimai
John O'Connor
David Lavalley
Johanna Duncan-Poitier
Campus Counsel