

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A
RATIONAL FISCAL PLAN FOR SUNY**

Faculty Governance of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

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Supported Unanimously**

WHEREAS, the mission of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry is to educate students and, in so doing, to support the economy and culture of New York State, and

WHEREAS, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry's tuition is only \$4,970 per year, the lowest for public universities in the region and among the lowest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry tuition raises have been historically unpredictable, with 13 raises over the last 48 years ranging from 7% to 43%; and

WHEREAS, the 2011-2012 Executive Budget proposal will bring a 4-year total of \$1.5 billion in budget cuts to SUNY and a 20% cut in State support to the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry; and

WHEREAS, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, has the potential to create unprecedented opportunities for current and future college students and their families, for businesses and industries, for educational, social, and cultural agencies, and for the workforce of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry need fiscal stability to realize this potential; and

WHEREAS, these budget cuts will impinge most severely on the services required for the success of at-risk students; and

WHEREAS, a five-year tuition plan that is fair, predictable and responsible for students and that keeps all tuition revenues at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry will provide current and future students and their families the ability to plan adequately; and

WHEREAS, a Rational Fiscal Plan for public institutions of higher education would entail a commitment by New York State to cover the mandatory operational costs, and to maintain that support in the future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Faculty Governance strongly supports the State University's proposal for the enactment of a five-year rational tuition plan,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maintenance of effort by the state throughout any given year is an essential element of a rational fiscal plan,

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Faculty Governance commends this proposal to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature in the hope that it will be enacted quickly and signed into New York State Law