

Resolution

SUNY Oswego College Council

Oswego Forward: A Plan for Fall 2020 Restart at SUNY Oswego

July 27, 2020

Whereas, SUNY Oswego is a highly regarded, nationally recognized learner-centered, residential academic community with a long-standing history of prioritizing the health, safety and wellbeing of all of its community members; and

Whereas, SUNY Oswego, like hundreds of other colleges across the nation, was asked to develop a plan to restart on-campus operations in Fall 2020 in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, SUNY Oswego faculty governance leaders, faculty members, staff and administrators from all divisions of the College joined together to develop and write *Oswego Forward: A Plan for Fall 2020 Restart at SUNY Oswego* in alignment with all local, state and federal reopening guidelines; and

Whereas, *Oswego Forward: A Plan for Fall 2020 Restart at SUNY Oswego* (July 1, 2020) was approved by the State University of New York and New York State; and

Whereas, SUNY Oswego leadership, faculty members and staff continue to work closely and collaboratively with all external stakeholders including county and hospital health officials; emergency personnel and management teams; and elected officials and community and business leaders to prepare for a safe and welcome return of students and employees to campus this fall; and

Whereas, SUNY Oswego students show respect for themselves and others and agree to uphold the *Oswego Forward* Pledge to the best of their ability; and

Whereas, all returning SUNY Oswego campus community members will be asked to agree to abide by the principles of the Oswego Forward pledge including viewing this pandemic as an unprecedented threat to us all and also as a profound opportunity for SUNY Oswego campus community members to create new ways to work together and to emerge stronger, healthier and better than ever before; and

Whereas, President Deborah F. Stanley and SUNY Oswego's vice presidents will ensure that the New York State Phase Four Reopening New York Higher Education Guidelines are met and that the health and safety of all students and employees are protected to the best of the College's ability in each of SUNY Oswego's divisions and operations; and

Whereas, *Oswego Forward: A Plan for Fall 2020 Restart at SUNY Oswego* will remain a living document so it can continue to reflect adjustments needed in a rapidly changing environment; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the SUNY Oswego College Council, with deep appreciation for the outstanding leadership and commitment of President Deborah F. Stanley, the vice presidents, and the faculty members and staff of SUNY Oswego, recognizes that together they are taking thoughtful and approved action to protect the health and safety of all campus community members to the best of their ability in a committed effort to uphold and advance student success and academic and creative excellence.

James McMahon, Chair, SUNY Oswego College Council

Deborah F. Stanley, President, SUNY Oswego