



Updates from Your Friendly UFS Senators

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Keith's Updates

- AI-based Tutor - Project Team (2 year project, operational fall 2026)
- Presidential appointments - Stony Brook, Delhi, Farmingdale, Maritime and searches - Purchase, Geneseo, Binghamton & Buffalo State
- BoT - Climate and sustainability action plan, temporary presidential leadership, workforce development and upward mobility committee

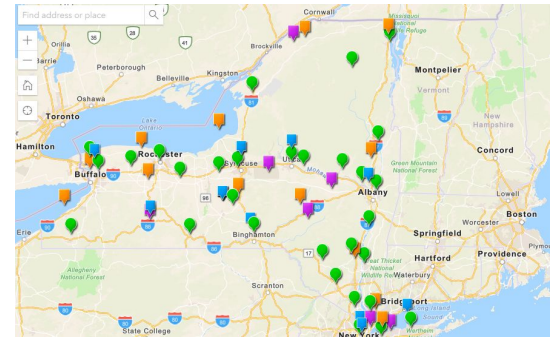
New President Elected (38 votes / 45)

- Bruce Simon from Fredonia



Presentation by Dr. Jennifer Lee - SUNY Higher Education Prison Program

- Around 20 programs all over NYS, many Community Colleges, UB, Poly, Potsdam.
- Current enrollment: 2023-24 - 1029 students
- 5 priorities: campus technical and financial support / research / re-entry navigation / community building / Advocacy
- Spring 2025 9-week HEP course, free
- 2025 Statewide Convening
NYS Teaching in Prison Conference October 9th and 10th (SUNY Genesee CC)



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Chancellor John B. King Jr.-

SUNY's Service and Civics Agenda

- Ensuring all students demonstrate civic discourse skills
- C - Edu and Eng fellows
- Americorp alumni
- Voter registration

SUNY AI and Society - 8 campuses chosen (not us)

SUNY DEI initiatives (DEI Institute, includes 9 diversity officers, includes Oswego)

HIP Metrics - High Impact Practices, focusing on at least 1 HIP (Internships, capstones, practicums, service learning, study abroad, etc)

[Long-term enrollment and financial sustainability](#)

No update on the state budget (yet), but excellent Governor's executive budget

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- Federal update
Contracts / grants - working with campuses individually, small amount so far, working with AG
- Combating Antisemitism - no tolerance at SUNY for this and any discrimination
- DEI - we will not participate in anticipatory compliance, we will follow law
- International Students - 40-50 student visa revoked, encouraged to work with NYS office of New Americans for free legal referrals. There is some concern about a travel ban.
- Immigration enforcement - advice: if approached, tell them unauthorized to respond and immediately refer to UPD. We need a court and/or judicial warrant for disclosure of any information, UPD checks warrant validity..
- LGBTQ+ and gender affirming care - continue to show support for this community..
- U.S. DOE - fearful of the impact on financial aid, so far small disruptions.
- CDO's remain in full effect, the GE requirement is still required.
- SUNY has bi-partisan supporters in congress who understand affordability and role of research in economic competitiveness and national security.

Litigate - Legislate - Educate



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Questions with the Chancellor

Ag and Tech responses: Support for shared services (Ex. financial aid, legal advice etc)

CGLs responses - continuity of shared governance, continuously encouraged to focus on success. It is built into the presidential evals.

Cleared and consistent guidance on the new excelsior - no state resources to make up for the federal cuts. These cuts will have significant impact and more people will be struggling. If people have specific questions, get it to them - they want to make it clearer.

Defensive strategies and collaborations - sometimes the answer is "I don't know". We are in constant conversation with the attorney general and team.

Comprehensive:

The arts contributes to the NYS GDP – our sector supports them a majority. What are the ideas to continue to support the economic impact of the arts and how we keep these programs open?

Deep believer of the arts - we need to do more to lift up the work we do in the arts. How do we strengthen our enrollment and visibility? We have to work to make sure students get rich opportunities. We have to spend extra time with the students that won't.

We know higher ed is under attacked - only a matter of time before SUNY is a target. For comprehensives - what does preparedness look like? What can we do to be ready?

Immediate practical - if there are cuts to pell grants / financial - Make sure every student does their FAFSA right now

Research activities - keep doing the work, we can not really prepare for what is coming. Document the work.

Encourage students to be super careful about their behavior.

We have to make the case for public higher education.

Salaries are not competitive with other institutions / States - it will get harder to raise them with tariffs and market drops.

Financial affordability is being targeted - FAFSA / Fin Aid - individual and group sessions for access to information.

PSLF - There is no additional state aid to offset those financial hits. Can we do better in matching students to foundation / national scholarships?



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Updates from Provost Ram

- [Empire AI](#) consortium



- Provide access to high performance computers for AI for research
- Current ranking 245 out of Top 500 supercomputers (and it's not done yet!)
- Launched april 2024 at UB, \$565M, October 2024 Alpha, Fall 2025 Beta, Spring 2027 Gamma, new facility at UB
- 90% usage at this time, 250 users from 5 universities
- Q/A
 - Ethical decisions, who owns the data? Data ownership evolving, policis underway, knowledge protected, multi-levels of security and privacy
 - How can we submit projects? Not ready to expand yet, will be in the future
 - Tariff and political impacts on Niagara Falls project? These are real but currently unknown.

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Updates from Kim Scalzo

- Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility
 - Assistant provost for EIT accessibility Barbara Beauchamp
 - EIT Advisory Committee being reformulated
 - [SUNY inclusion question \(IQ\)](#) Webinar series
 - SUNY Accessibility, Advocates and Allies Faculty Fellows
 - Standard Language for contracts, POs, RFPS
- Data transformation Project
 - <http://dtp.suny.edu> (tutoring, early alerts, suny wide licenses, non credit Info Mgmt Syst.)
 - AI Tutor Project - Implementation Working Group
- FACT2 Task groups and Awards
 - Generative AI Task Group - will help with best practices and policies
 - Teaching and Learning with AI - instrument for evaluation
 - Experiential Learning Task Group / Champions Playbook
- SUNY online and the DLE
 - Online workshops - <https://cpd.suny.edu/otter> - this summer
- Academic Innovation Grants
 - Innovative instruction technology grants (IITG) on AI for Teaching & Learning
 - Open Educational resources Impact Grants
- [SUNY Online Exemplary courses for Observation](#)



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Chris White & Francisco Araiza Workforce Development

- High Impact / Experiential Learning Opportunity - every student should have at least 1
- Study Abroad, Internships, Practicum, Clinical placements, Capstone projects
- 3 Credits
- Institutional Research Website - HIP Dashboard roll out next week with AAC&U metrics

David Cantaffa - Academic Affairs

Conversations in the disciplines (CID) to be announced next week suny.edu/cid

[SUNY.edu/DEISJfellows](https://suny.edu/DEISJfellows)

[SUNY.edu/civicfellows](https://suny.edu/civicfellows)

SUNY Civic Education Community of Practice Convening
May 16, 2025, 8am-4pm, in Albany, NY

[Register Here](#)



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Committee Updates:

- **Undergraduate:** Updating the Guide for Undergraduate Program Assessment
- **Operations:** See resolutions
- **Graduate:** SUNY GRC May 2nd / GenAI for Research / Inter institutional white paper / graduate education survey
- **Governance:** Academic freedom toolkit / update to governance documents
- **Awards:** CID awards to be announced / various awards
- **Communication:** New website design
- **Ethics:** Burnout survey results
- **Equity Inclusion Diversity:** Trying to remain hopeful

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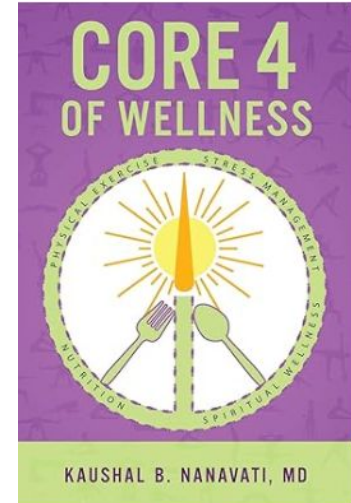
A Tree without Roots Provides no Shade - Health and Well Being for All of Us

Kaushal Nanavati (MD, FAAFP, ABHIM, Cert. PH., Assistant Dean of Wellness, Upstate Medical

- Live by the 7's
 - 7 servings of vegetables daily
 - 7 hours of exercise weekly
 - 7 hours of sleep per night
- Fundamentals of Wellness:
 - Nutrition, Physical exercise, Stress management, Spiritual wellness
- We do not really learn to love until we learn to love ourselves
- Burnout refers to occupational context / happiness refers to satisfaction with life as a whole
- 80% organizational / 20% personal (give yourself 20% buffer)

Resources:

- Belly breathing
- Mindfulness (come back to present moment)
- <https://oer.ny.gov/wellnys-everyday>
- Facebook: Kaushal Nanavati
- Book: Core 4 of Wellness: [CORE 4 of Wellness: Nutrition | Physical Exercise | Stress Management | Spiritual Wellness](#)



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Passed Resolutions:

200-UC Support for Gender Identity - intentionally left open for the Chancellor to feel supported. Passed 40 (F) / 5 (O)

200-UC Discrimination Definition and Opposition - clarity is needed from NYS, resolution attempted to be simplified (voted down) 35 (F) / 9 (O)

200-G&R Inter Institutional Programs - edits to R3, recognizing the concerns brought forward. Passed 30 (F) / 13 (O)

200-OPS Mandate Impacts and Offsets - Passed 41 (F) / 3 (O)

200-OPS Guidance Regarding Changes in Eligibility Criteria - editorial changes - Passed 42 (F) / 2 (O)

200-Binghamton Presidential Search Process Endorsement - Passed 40 (F) / 4 (O)

200-Plattsburgh Black Solidarity Day - change expects to encourages, add "whenever possible" - Passed 33 (F) / 6 (O)

200-Defending, Protecting, and Advancing Foundational Principles and Functions of New York State and United States Higher Education - Passed 39 (F) / 2 (O)

200-Legal Help for Immigration Issues - Included language for required Fund Passed 38 (F) / 1(O)

Recommended to go to Exec Committee:

200-Amend SUNY Protocols for Interacting with External Law Enforcement - 22(F) / 20(O)

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Shout out to Gwen for receiving the “Please don’t leave us” award!

Carl P. Wiezalis University Faculty Senate Fellow Award

Purpose of the Award

This is the Senate’s highest honor to give to one of its own. The University Faculty Senate from time to time may bestow the status of Fellow on a current or former UFS Senator. An individual so honored must have achieved a reputation for exceptional service in the area of faculty governance.

Questions? Concerns? Ideas to share?

Feel free to reach out to us...

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