



**TO:** SUNY University Faculty Senate  
**FROM:** Specialized and Statutory Colleges Sector  
**RE:** Resolution on reaffirming 176-11-1 Resolution in Support of Stand-Alone Unit Head for New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University  
**DATE:** 182<sup>nd</sup> Plenary, April 11-13, 2019  
**LOCATION:** SUNY Potsdam  
**RESOLUTION #:** 182-08-01  
**VOTE TALLY:** For: 33; Against: 0; Abstain 2

**RATIONALE:**

**WHEREAS** the University Faculty Senate passed resolution 176-11-1 in April of 2017 supporting the New York State College of Ceramics (NYSCC) in its efforts to obtain a stand-alone unit head (Vice President of Statutory Affairs); and

**WHEREAS** the 2017 resolution was itself a reaffirmation of resolution 141-02-1 from October of 2005 supporting NYSCC to have an autonomous unit head; and

**WHEREAS** NYSCC still does not have an appointed, non-interim, autonomous unit head, in contravention to the current Memorandum of Understanding; and

**WHEREAS** NYSCC has recently passed a resolution reaffirming the previous resolutions in an attempt to reopen the conversation:

**RESOLUTION:**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the University Faculty Senate (UFS) endorses the aforementioned 2019 NYSCC resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the UFS again reiterates its position in support of the appointment of a standalone unit head for NYSCC that is not part of another administrative position and urges the Board of Trustees, Chancellor, and Provost of SUNY to ensure that the Associate VP for Statutory Affairs at AU be maintained as a stand-alone position in their negotiations with AU over the MOU on the NYSCC and work with AU to ensure the position is filled in an appropriate and timely manner.

**BACKGROUND:**

See attached resolutions UFS 176-11-1, UFS 142-02-1, NYSCC Faculty Council resolution of 4/19/17, and NYSCC Faculty Council Resolution of 4/10/19.

**UFS 176-11-1  
Passed  
176<sup>th</sup> Plenary  
SUNY Canton  
April 22, 2017**

**Resolution in Support of Stand-Alone Unit Head for New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University**

**Whereas** Resolution 141-02-1 (attached), dated October 29, 2005, enunciated the support of the University Faculty Senate for the appointment of a stand-alone unit head for the New York State College of Ceramics (NYSCC) at Alfred University (AU); and

**Whereas** AU and the State University of New York (SUNY) are in the process of re-negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the operation of the NYSCC; and

**Whereas** the faculty of the NYSCC passed a resolution on April 19, 2017, asking the President of AU and the Chancellor and Board of Trustees of SUNY to “re-institute the position of Associate Vice President of Statutory Affairs as a full-time and autonomous position within the [AU] structure”; therefore

**Be It Resolved** that the University Faculty Senate (UFS) endorses the aforementioned NYSCC resolution; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the UFS reiterates its position in support of the appointment of a standalone unit head that is not part of another administrative position and urges the Board of Trustees, Chancellor, and Provost of SUNY to ensure that the Associate VP for Statutory Affairs at AU be maintained as a stand-alone position in their negotiations with AU over the MOU on the NYSCC.

**NYSCC Faculty Resolution**  
**Approved 04/19/2017**

**Resolution on the Position of Associate Vice President of Statutory Affairs**

**Whereas**, stated in the Memorandum of Understanding between the State University of New York and Alfred University, The Associate Vice President of Statutory Affairs [Unit Head] “shall be the State University's representative at, and the chief administrative officer of, the College of Ceramics, and shall serve full-time as Unit Head”; and

**Whereas** , the Associate Vice President is tasked with the significant financial authority of approving "expenditures of all revenues received in the course of the administration of the College of Ceramics, including but not limited to tuition, fees and charges; State appropriations; endowment funds; and grants"; and

**Whereas**, the Associate Vice President is also tasked with "monitoring implementation of the all funds budget of the College of Ceramics and financial condition of the College of Ceramics"; and

**Whereas**, further responsibilities of the Associate Vice President include the support of the College's strategic goals, the preparation of annual budget, preparation of the appropriation request for State support, the promotion of the College's identity, the promotion of regional economic development, capital and equipment needs identification, and the promotion of academic excellence; and

**Whereas**, the Associate Vice President “shall be an employee of Alfred University, whose salary shall be funded by State appropriations”; and therefore

**Be it resolved** that the New York State College of Ceramics Faculty recommends that the President of Alfred University re-institute the position of Associate Vice President of Statutory Affairs as a full-time and autonomous position within the university structure, a position that is fully committed to the NYSCC mission and its actualization. The Faculty asks for the support of the SUNY Chancellor and SUNY Board of Trustees to continue to work with Alfred University in fulfillment of our Memorandum of Understanding.

**NYSCC Faculty Council Resolution**  
**Approved 04/10/2019**

**Whereas**, the faculty of the NYSCC are increasingly concerned about the ongoing “interim” state of the VPSA; and

**Whereas**, the consolidation of two previously full-time positions of VPSA and Provost of Alfred University, has resulted in a job description that either no single person can successfully carry out, or which eliminates important job functions previously carried out by the two individuals, and

**Whereas**, the combination of the VPSA position with the AU Provost position creates conflicts of interest; and

**Whereas**, the Faculty of the NYSCC perceive inconsistency between the 2016 MOU between Alfred University and SUNY and the operation of the NYSCC.

**Be it resolved** that the NYSCC Faculty Council unanimously re-submits the resolution below, previously approved and submitted by the faculty of the NYSCC and the SUNY Faculty Senate in 2017, for consideration by the President and Board of Trustees of Alfred and the Chancellor and Board of Trustees of the State University of New York.

**Whereas**, stated in the Memorandum of Understanding between the State University of New York and Alfred University, The Vice President of Statutory Affairs [VPSA] “shall be the State University's representative at, and the chief administrative officer of, the College of Ceramics, and shall serve full-time as Unit Head.”; and

**Whereas**, the Vice President of Statutory Affairs is tasked with the significant financial authority of approving "expenditures of all revenues received in the course of the administration of the College of Ceramics, including but not limited to tuition, fees and charges; State appropriations; endowment funds; and grants"; and

**Whereas**, the Vice President of Statutory Affairs is also tasked with "monitoring implementation of the all-funds budget of the College of Ceramics and financial condition of the College of Ceramics"; and

**Whereas**, further responsibilities of the Vice President of Statutory Affairs include, but are not limited to the support of the College's strategic goals, the preparation of annual budget, preparation of the appropriation request for State support, promotion of the College's identity, promotion of regional economic development, capital and equipment needs identification, and promotion of academic excellence; and

**Whereas**, The Vice President of Statutory Affairs “shall be an employee of Alfred University, whose salary shall be funded by State appropriations.” and therefore

**Be it resolved** that the New York State College of Ceramics Faculty strongly urges the President of Alfred University to re-institute the position of Vice President of Statutory Affairs as a fulltime and autonomous role within the university structure, a position fully committed to the NYSCC mission and its actualization. The Faculty asks for the support of the Chancellor and SUNY Board of Trustees to continue to work with Alfred University on this matter in fulfillment of the Memorandum of Understanding.