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Dr. Gwen Kay
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Dear President Kay:

Thank you for your letter sharing resolutions adopted at the University Faculty Senate (UFS) Fall Plenary. It was an honor to host the UFS at SUNY Plaza and I am glad you are receptive to the idea of having a member of the Executive Leadership Team attend plenaries on a rotating basis. My responses to adopted resolutions follow:

- **183-01-02: Establishment of Standing Campus Senate EID Committees**

Thank you for sharing this resolution encouraging local campus governance bodies to establish Equity, Inclusion and Diversity (EID) Committees. The UFS commitment to inclusive excellence is clear and so appreciated. I have shared this resolution with our System Chief Diversity Officer, Senior Vice Chancellor Teri Miller, for her information.

- **183-03-01: Maintaining Welcoming, Inclusive and Safe Campus Environments through Annually Affirming SUNY Diversity and Inclusion Values**

The intent of this resolution, requesting an annual declaration of SUNY's commitment to diversity and inclusion on each campus—with a particular focus on safety and campus culture, is admirable. In thinking about implementation or a directive to Presidents; however, I realize that I have already seen multiple examples of campuses doing this on a much more frequent basis (prominent webpages, new student orientations, state-of-the-campus speeches, first-year experiences, faculty- and student-sponsored symposia, safety drills, etc.).

Our focus must be on ensuring that *anytime* someone steps onto one of our campuses (or into System Administration) that they feel welcome, respected and safe. This broader integration of inclusion as part of the culture of each institution was a key goal of campus diversity plans under SUNY's diversity policy, which your resolution so thoughtfully references. The specific strategies to be used should be left to the discretion of the campuses, with regular support provided by our System CDO, the community of practice of campus CDOs, campus-wide and System-wide Diversity Conferences, the newly announced Task Force to address free speech and responding to hate speech, and more. In fact, the UFS's own call for local EID Committees will no doubt contribute to this work. As a result, I thank the UFS for this resolution, but urge support of ongoing strategies.

- **183-04-01: Resolution in Support of SUNY Negotiations for a Fair and Reasonable Contract with Elsevier**

Having University Faculty Senate support as we continue negotiations with Elsevier is important and appreciated. We remain hopeful that Elsevier will be responsive to our expressed need for significant cost savings as part of a sustainable model for journal access. In the event that this does not happen, the SUNY Library Consortium (SLC) has put in place measures to help provide continuity of access to *ScienceDirect* content through services such as interlibrary loan and document delivery. I support the SLC's suggestion that funds previously used to pay for *ScienceDirect* continue to be made available to support these services or to provide alternative access to additional forms of scholarly content to support all research for faculty and students if we are not able to renew the subscription.

- **183-01-01: Research Misconduct Investigation Policies**

Thank you for sharing this resolution with me for my information; I have also shared it with Vice Chancellor for Research Grace Wang, Provost Laursen, and Research Foundation President Jeff Cheek.

- **183-05-01: Recognition of 2019 Nobel Prize for Chemistry Awarded to Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science M. Stanley Whittingham**

It was wonderful to see the formal UFS recognition as part of the overall campus celebration of Dr. Whittingham in October. We look forward to additional opportunities to recognize him for his seminal research and important contributions to SUNY as a member of our Distinguished Faculty ranks.

- **183-07-01: Endorsement of FCCC's Resolution Regarding Open Presidential Searches**

- **183-08-01: Endorsement of FCCC's Resolution in Response to the SUNY Online Response**

Thank you for sharing the UFS endorsement of two resolutions adopted by the FCCC; one regarding open presidential searches, the other regarding SUNY Online. I have asked that you be copied on our response to Trustee Fogal.

My thanks to you for your continued leadership and service.

Sincerely,



Kristina M. Johnson, PhD.
Chancellor

Attachment



Dr. Kristina Johnson
Chancellor
SUNY System Administration
Albany NY 12246

October 18, 2019

Dear Chancellor Johnson,

Thank you for hosting us! I know that this is a big “ask,” and one I did with some trepidation: serving as a UFS plenary host requires time, planning, money, and more time. For a person as busy as you are, it is a lot to ask for a welcome in the morning, and at dinner, plus your usual commitment to join us for our traditional Q&A and your report to us (with more time for questions). I am grateful that you were able to join us early and stay through lunch – many people noticed, and commented favorably. Too, I think that the idea of having a member of the ELT attend our plenary on a rotating basis would be helpful: aside from our “regulars” – you, the provost, and the chief financial officer in January – the rest of that group is largely unknown to many in our body.

For this plenary, we started with a warm welcome and history of SUNY by Jim Campbell and Fred Hildebrand, the University Senators. We learned about Owney, the post office dog, as well as the more serious mission and purpose for SUNY as a system. Other members of SUNY System Administration joined us. I am appreciative of both their expertise and their time. Leah Wentworth spoke to the body about current mental health issues, and challenges, on our campus. There were many questions for her, and excitement about new resources and tools that may be available, thanks to the Garrett Lee Smith grant. Senior library strategist Mark McBride joined us twice, first with Executive Committee on Thursday for an hour, and then the body as a whole on Friday for half an hour. He provided an update on the Elsevier negotiations. (He also requested that all the information be kept confidential, to not tip our hand.) As usual, Provost Laursen joined us and also answered many questions, although we did get him out in time to catch his flight to visit his father. Finally, Bob Megna provided a gracious welcome at dinner on Friday evening.

We voted on eight resolutions, five of which passed, one of which supported Executive Committee action, and two of which supported FCCC resolutions. Our first item of new business was a commendation to Dr. Whittingham on his being awarded the Nobel Prize; this has been sent under separate cover to him and President Stenger. He will receive a framed copy of our resolution, along with those from Binghamton’s faculty senates, at the celebration on Friday, October 18, 2019. It is a bit unprecedented to have so many resolutions at the fall plenary, but these are extraordinary times –neither Elsevier negotiations nor a Nobel Prize can be ignored.

183-01-01; Resolution for establishment of standing campus senate EID committees

This resolution, from the Equity, Inclusion and Diversity (EID) Committee, simultaneously recognizes the commitment of SUNY to diversity and inclusion; and the value of shared governance to transcend departments and colleges on campus in its ability to see the big picture. This also aligns with PRODiG and other SUNY initiatives



Action: We request nothing of you. This may be of especial interest to the Chief Diversity Officer, and worth reminding presidents about in the context of both EID and shared governance. Instead, the burden is on campuses: we request that campus Senates establish their own EID committees, if they do not already have one; that the mission of campus EID committees align with the UFS EID committee charge; that campus governance bodies be intentional in their efforts to be inclusive; and that campus EID committees have representation on campus Senates.

183-02-01: Resolution to Annually Affirm SUNY Diversity and Inclusion Values

This resolution, also from the Equity, Inclusion and Diversity (EID) Committee, fully embraces and supports the SUNY values for diversity and inclusion. It also recognizes that our campuses are home to people with different values, experiences and perspectives, and everyone should feel both welcomed and included.

Action: We ask that you require campus Presidents to annually affirm and communicate SUNY values for equity, diversity, and inclusion to all campus stakeholders.

183-03-01: Resolution in Support of SUNY Negotiations for a fair and reasonable contract with Elsevier

This resolution, from both the Operations and Graduate Programs & Research Committees, expresses our full support for the SUNY team negotiating a new contract with Elsevier for access to electronic resources, asking for good faith efforts to reach a fair and reasonable agreement. We are aware of other (failed) negotiations, including the University of California (UC) system, and European countries, including Germany, Sweden and Norway.

Action: Should Elsevier not negotiate a fair and reasonable contract, we ask that you follow the lead of UC and European universities and *not* enter into a new contract, instead pursuing alternative ways to access scholarly works necessary for learning, teaching and research. We further ask that you ask CAOs at all campuses (and the Provost direct SUNY System Administration) to protect the funds that would have been allocated to Elsevier, reallocate them for alternative access to scholarly work, and subsidize article publication charges in open access peer-reviewed journals. We are in complete solidarity with the SUNY negotiations. Additional actions, including campus governance support, and sharing this resolution with Elsevier, require no action on your part.

183-04-01: Resolution in support of a Resolution in Support of Downstate Resolutions on Research Misconduct Policies

The original resolution, from the Executive Committee, was passed on behalf of the body on June 6, 2019 because of time-sensitive issues. We affirmed our support of research misconduct policies formulated by shared governance processes, and being followed.

Action: You need to nothing. We offered support for a resolution from Downstate, and asked that processes be properly followed.

183-05-01; Resolution on Research Misconduct Investigation Policies

This resolution, from the Executive Committee, is a more general statement of research misconduct investigation policies. It extends the resolution of support for Downstate that was adopted in executive session this past summer, and supported by the body (see above). This resolution asks that research misconduct policy be formed through shared governance, and



process followed. This resolution went to Counsel's office, which helped clarify some of the language; we very much appreciate that help.

Action: You need to nothing. We ask each SUNY campus to formulate, or update, their research misconduct policy through shared governance, and to make it publicly available. We further recommend to campus presidents that the initial assessment be done by impartial academics, free of conflict of interest, from the local campus.

183-06-01; Resolution in Recognition of 2019 Nobel Prize for Chemistry Awarded to Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science M. Stanley Whittingham

This resolution, from the campus governance leaders, senators, and immediate past UFS president of Binghamton University, celebrates the recent Nobel Prize award to Professor Whittingham for his work in developing lithium-ion batteries.

Action: Bask in the glory of another Nobel Prize to a SUNY faculty member. Enjoy Binghamton, and SUNY, getting international press and attention. As noted above, this resolution will be formally presented to Dr. Whittingham at campus celebrations on October 18, 2019.

183-07-01; Endorsement of FCCC's Resolution Regarding Open Presidential Searches

The University Faculty Senate affirmed and endorsed the Faculty Council of Community College's Resolution regarding presidential searches, emphasizing the value of an open search. We recognize the differences between community college and state-operated search processes.

Action: None required to UFS (sharing response sent to FCCC would, however, be appreciated).

183-08-01; Endorsement of FCCC's Resolution in Response to SUNY Online Response

The University Faculty Senate affirmed and endorsed the Faculty Council of Community College's Resolution about the response (sent to both groups) regarding SUNY Online.

Action: None required (see above). We were heartened to hear the provost mention the formation of a SUNY Online Advisory Group.

A slightly annotated version of this letter will be sent to the provost's office. A reply within 30 days would be appreciated.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwen Kay".

Gwen Kay
President
University Faculty Senate



TO: SUNY University Faculty Senate
FROM: Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee
RE: Resolution: Establishment of Standing Campus Senate EID Committees
DATE: 183rd Plenary, October 10-12, 2019
LOCATION: System Administration, Albany
RESOLUTION #: 183-01-02
VOTE TALLY: For: 40 / Against: 5 / Abstain: 3

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS the SUNY Board of Trustees September 10, 2015 Resolution “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy” desires to make “SUNY the most inclusive higher education system in the country,” and states within the Guiding Principles that “SUNY’s statutory mission makes clear its responsibility to provide the broadest possible access, fully representative of all segments of the population of New York State”; and

WHEREAS consistent with that commitment, the UFS Committee on Equity, Inclusion and Diversity is charged to “concern itself with issues pertaining to equity, inclusiveness and access, as they are reflected in the curriculum, student body and personnel of the State University”; and

WHEREAS the 33 SUNY campus Senate organizations collectively serve as one of the country’s largest faculty governing structures, and is “concerned with effective educational policies and other professional matters within the University,” impacting the lives, experiences, and opportunities of all diverse campus/community stakeholders and New York State residents; and

WHEREAS in support and alignment of current SUNY structures (UFS EID Committee), priorities (EDI Strategic Plans), values (Shared Governance), and initiatives (PRODiG, EIT) which seek to create and maintain equitable campus environments that welcome, respect, and support all individuals and communities who affirm human dignity:

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UFS requests that all campus governance bodies establish their own Equity, Inclusion and Diversity (EID) Committee if one does not currently exist; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UFS requests that all Campus Governance Leaders work with campus governance bodies’ EID Committees to align committee charges with the following UFS EID Committee charge:

The Committee on Equity, Inclusion and Diversity will concern itself with issues pertaining to equity, inclusiveness and access, as reflected in the curriculum, student body and personnel of the State University. Among the activities of this committee will be collecting and disseminating information, organizing periodic meetings and workshops, and providing guidance and recommendations to the Senate so that it may act with the best intentions of all people in mind; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UFS requests campus governance bodies consider intentional efforts to maximize inclusive and diverse committee representation, including cultural and social identity groups, during their respective election/appointment processes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UFS encourages existing campus EID committees/task forces to consider campus senator or governance body EID representation (Chair or appointee) for membership.

BACKGROUND:

1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy. (2015, September 10). Retrieved from https://www.suny.edu/sunypp/documents.cfm?doc_id=804
2. Electronic and Information Technology (EIT) Accessibility Policy. (2019, June 20). Retrieved from https://www.suny.edu/sunypp/documents.cfm?doc_id=883
3. SUNY. (2019). Elements of Proposals for PRODI-G. Retrieved from <https://www.suny.edu/prodig/proposals/>
4. SUNY. (2019). Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee. Retrieved from <https://system.suny.edu/facultysenate/committees/inclusion/>



TO: SUNY University Faculty Senate
FROM: Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee
RE: Resolution: Maintaining Welcoming, Inclusive and Safe Campus Environments through Annually Affirming SUNY Diversity and Inclusion Values
DATE: 183rd Plenary, October 10-12, 2019
LOCATION: System Administration, Albany
RESOLUTION #: 183-03-01
VOTE TALLY: For: 41 / Against: 6 / Abstain: 1

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS SUNY lists *Diversity, Collaboration, and Community Engagement* as three of its “Core Values,” in alignment of the mission to “provide to the people of New York educational services of the highest quality, with the broadest possible access, fully representative of all segments of the population in a complete range of academic, professional and postsecondary programs”; and

WHEREAS in support of the foci of the SUNY Board of Trustees’ Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order Policy, adopted June 10, 2009, outlining “the rules for maintenance of public order (including prohibited conduct), applicability and communication of the rules, and statements regarding freedom of speech, assembly, picketing and demonstrations on campuses”; and

WHEREAS the SUNY Board of Trustees’ Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy, adopted via resolution 2015-53 on September 10, 2015, emphasizes “Climate” as one of its “four core areas,” citing that “SUNY must implement programs and strategies to establish a welcoming environment for all” as one of its Guiding Principles; and

WHEREAS in recognition of duties to employ harm prevention/reduction efforts to hostile climate threats occurring nationally (e.g. recent culturally targeted mass shootings, polarized national political climate – election year); and

WHEREAS SUNY is a microcosm of the broader nation and world, in which there are many differing values, experiences, and perspectives; and

WHEREAS acknowledging the critical impact, responsibility and role of leadership in affirming SUNY values established in maintenance of inclusive campus environments that welcome, respect, and support all persons, communities, and structures proclaiming human dignity:

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UFS requests the Chancellor require campus Presidents (or campus equivalent) to annually affirm (communicate) SUNY values and priorities for equity, diversity and inclusion to all campus stakeholders, in support of maintaining and enhancing welcoming, inclusive, and safe campus environments.

BACKGROUND:

1. State University of New York. (2015). *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy*. Retrieved from https://www.suny.edu/sunypp/documents.cfm?doc_id=804
2. State University of New York. (n.d.). *Strategic Plan, 2010 & Beyond* [PDF file]. Retrieved from https://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/powerofsuny/SUNY_StrategicPlan.pdf
3. State University of New York. (2009). *Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order*. Retrieved from https://www.suny.edu/sunypp/documents.cfm?doc_id=351



TO: SUNY University Faculty Senate
FROM: Operations Committee and Graduate Programs and Research Committee
RE: Resolution: Support for SUNY Negotiations for a fair and reasonable contract with Elsevier
DATE: 183rd Plenary, October 10-12, 2019
LOCATION: System Administration, Albany
RESOLUTION #: 183-04-01
VOTE TALLY: For: 47 / Against: 2 / Abstain: 2

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS SUNY has been a subscriber to Elsevier's Science Direct pursuant to a contract that expires on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS this contract has allowed the SUNY community to have access to a large array of high-quality materials that are indispensable to learning, teaching, and research; and

WHEREAS SUNY paid over \$9 million for access to Science Direct last year, with the total cost to the SUNY System over the life of the contract being nearly \$45 million, and payments to Elsevier make up 25% of SUNY's overall expenditures on journals; and

WHEREAS SUNY, through the SUNY Libraries Consortium (SLC), has been negotiating the terms of a new contract with Elsevier, but has been unsuccessful to date in negotiating a new contract; and

WHEREAS the University of California (UC) system sought to negotiate a contract with Elsevier for access to Science Direct offerings, such negotiations met an impasse, and the contract lapsed after UC had paid Elsevier more than \$11 million annually; and

WHEREAS universities across Europe, in countries such as Germany, Sweden, and Norway, have cancelled subscriptions with Elsevier after failed negotiations; and

WHEREAS Elsevier, in addition to deriving revenue from SUNY and other parties through subscriptions, also requires faculty authors to pay article publication charges (APCs) for publication in Elsevier journals; and

WHEREAS Elsevier has, in effect, gained a monopoly over the publication of and access to high-quality peer reviewed outlets; and

WHEREAS Elsevier has failed to expeditiously engage in the SUNY Science Direct contract negotiation process and, if the contract is not extended, the SUNY community will no longer have unlimited access to Elsevier's collection; and

WHEREAS SUNY negotiators are extremely concerned that the failure to resolve the contract negotiation impasse with Elsevier will lead to the same situation as occurred with the UC System and the European universities, namely, that the contract will lapse on December 31, 2019:

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Faculty Senate (UFS) calls upon Elsevier to negotiate earnestly and in good faith with SUNY to reach a fair and reasonable agreement on a new contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UFS expresses its complete solidarity and stands united with the SUNY negotiators in their negotiations with Elsevier, additionally requesting that all Senators advocate for support of this resolution from their campus governance bodies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UFS believes a fair and reasonable Science Direct contract with Elsevier should be negotiated and requests the Chancellor direct the SUNY negotiators to pursue the goals of reducing SUNY expenditures, maintaining access to the current holdings, and supporting open access publishing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UFS requests affirmation from campus governance bodies in supporting SUNY taking a strong stance in negotiations with Elsevier because it will have the salutary effect of engendering meaningful change in the way faculty research is bought, sold, and shared with the world, thereby better compensating faculty for their hard work and effort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UFS recommends and requests that if Elsevier does not negotiate a contract that is deemed fair and reasonable by SUNY negotiators, the Chancellor direct the SUNY negotiators to follow the lead of UC and the aforementioned European universities and not enter into a new contract with Elsevier, and instead pursue alternative means with campus presidents to access scholarly works that are critical to the learning, teaching, and research of the SUNY community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UFS recommends and requests that if the SUNY negotiators decline to enter into a new contract with Elsevier, the Chancellor will ask Chief Administrative Officers at all campuses and the Provost will direct SUNY System Administration to follow the lead of the UC Provost and President by protecting the funds that would otherwise be allocated towards Elsevier with the intention that those funds be reallocated for alternative access to scholarly works and to subsidize APCs in open access peer-reviewed journals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UFS requests all Senators and campus governance bodies raise the issue of SUNY-Elsevier negotiations at the local level, support campus contingency planning in the event of non-renewal, and prepare their own resolutions to demonstrate unity with the SUNY negotiators at the local campus level, thus strengthening SUNY's negotiating position.

BACKGROUND:

Qureshi, F. (March 19, 2019). *Norway joins the ranks of Germany and Sweden, cancels subscription with Elsevier*. Retrieved from <https://www.editage.com/insights/norway-joins-the-ranks-of-germany-and-sweden-cancels-subscription-with-elsevier>

University of California Office of Scholarly Communication. (July 10, 2019). *UC and Elsevier: Overview – Office of Scholarly Communication*. Retrieved from <https://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/open-access-at-uc/publisher-negotiations/uc-and-elsevier/>



TO: SUNY University Faculty Senate
FROM: Executive Committee
RE: Resolution: Research Misconduct Investigation Policies
DATE: 183rd Plenary, October 10-12, 2019
LOCATION: System Administration, Albany
RESOLUTION #: 183-01-01
VOTE TALLY: For: 41 / Against: 8 / Abstain: 1

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS all SUNY campuses must abide by Research Foundation, funding agencies', and campus-specific policies to investigate allegations of research misconduct; and

WHEREAS if there is suspicion of research misconduct, SUNY should be authorized to suspend the research activity pending an investigation; and

WHEREAS if after a well-defined investigative procedure is followed in accordance with federal rules, and research misconduct is proven against a faculty or staff member within the SUNY system, then the faculty and staff of SUNY are in favor of appropriate sanctions on those involved; and

WHEREAS in research misconduct cases, the onus of proof is on the institution and the panels of judges must be absolutely impartial and have no conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS because a research misconduct policy is one of the few policies that has direct impact on Academic Rights and Responsibilities, a bedrock principle of SUNY policy, faculty and staff, through its governing bodies, must be given the opportunity to provide expert advice and/or modify certain aspects pertaining to the process to ensure impartial, fair, and transparent mechanisms are provided for handling of such cases to improve confidence that federal rules are followed; and

WHEREAS problems with entry into and oversight of research misconduct policy can occur at any SUNY campus; and

WHEREAS the research misconduct policy has been re-written on certain SUNY campuses without involvement of appropriate governance bodies:

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UFS calls on every SUNY campus to use appropriate shared governance processes to formulate or update their research misconduct policy, make it publicly available, and ensure that it is followed; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the UFS recommends to campus Presidents that the initial assessment stage of research misconduct investigations on all SUNY campuses be conducted by a panel of impartial academics, chosen from the local campus, who are free of conflicts of interest, have appropriate expertise, and understand the issues of legal and academic freedom at stake. Only after this is done would campus administrative personnel be involved in administering a federally prescribed investigatory process.

BACKGROUND:

Statement on Research Integrity, The State University of New York, March 2013

https://www.rfsuny.org/media/RFSUNY/Documents/Sponsored-Programs/research_integrity.pdf

Patents, Inventions, and Copyright Policy, The State University of New York, 2016

https://www.suny.edu/sunypp/documents.cfm?doc_id=88

Procedure for Investigating Fraud and Misconduct, SUNY Research Foundation, September 2018

http://www.rfsuny.org/media/rfsuny/procedures/procedure_investigating_fraud_misconduct.htm



TO: SUNY University Faculty Senate
FROM: Barry Jones, Binghamton University Faculty Senate Committee Chair, and Jill Dixon, Binghamton University Faculty Senate Chair
Patrick Doyle and Sara Reiter, Binghamton University Senators; Matthew Wolf-Meyer, Binghamton University Alternate Senator; Peter Knuepfer, UFS Immediate Past President and Binghamton University Faculty Member
RE: Resolution: Recognition of 2019 Nobel Prize for Chemistry Awarded to Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science M. Stanley Whittingham
DATE: 183rd Plenary, October 10-12, 2019
LOCATION: System Administration, Albany
RESOLUTION #: 183-05-01 w/o dissent
VOTE TALLY: For: 47 / Against: 0 / Abstain: 0

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS the Nobel Prize is recognized as the highest achievement bestowed upon researchers and scholars within their discipline, which is given to “reward the discoveries that have conferred the greatest benefit to humankind” (Nobel Prize Organization);

WHEREAS since 1901, the Nobel Prize of Chemistry has been given to the most highly distinguished individuals for their contributions to the field of chemistry; and

WHEREAS Prof. M. Stanley Whittingham of Binghamton University has been awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his leading role in the development of lithium-ion batteries, and recognizes the impact of his research on lithium-ion batteries that are “used globally to power the portable electronics that we use to communicate, work, study, listen to music and search for knowledge. Lithium ion batteries have also enabled the development of long-range electric cars and the storage of energy from renewable sources, such as solar and wind power” (Nobel Prize Organization)

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Faculty Senate congratulates Distinguished Professor M. Stanley Whittingham for being awarded the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UFS recognizes and honors Distinguished Professor Whittingham’s sustained ground-breaking research and significant contributions to Binghamton University and SUNY more generally.

BACKGROUND:

Nobel Prize Organization - <https://www.nobelprize.org/the-nobel-prize-organisation/>

SUNY Nobel Laureates - <https://www.rfsuny.org/rf-news/nobel-laureates/>