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Dr. Gwen Kay  
President, University Faculty Senate  
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Dear Dr. Kay:

Thank you for your follow-up to the University Faculty Senate's (UFS) Winter Plenary. You requested a response to Resolution 187-01-01: Shared Governance in Times of Extraordinary Challenge.

After its fall meeting, the UFS asked me to consider a similar resolution (186-05-01; Importance of Monitoring Effective Shared Governance During Times of Crisis). As I indicated then, we must continue to engage the entire campus community in crisis planning and response, including our valued faculty and students. This approach applies even more so in times of extraordinary challenge and we will continue to prioritize this at the System level.

I would welcome working with the UFS on strengthening and bringing more awareness to SUNY Press. I believe our faculty could really benefit from it.

I would also like to thank the Faculty Senate for the resolutions acknowledging and supporting Black Lives Matter. As you know, the Board of Trustees recently discussed the 25-point Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan to close racial equity gaps and eliminate cultural and racial discrimination across SUNY, and input from faculty was instrumental to its successful completion and adoption by the Board of Trustees. Implementing the recommendations for this initiative will not be possible without collaboration of faculty, students, and staff. We appreciate your commitment to this important work.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Malatras  
Chancellor