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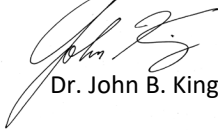
Dear Christy:

I am pleased to share the following responses regarding the resolutions adopted at the Spring Plenary of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC).

- **Resolution AAC3.2022-2023: "Inclusive Access" Bookstore Programs**
I recognize and appreciate the efforts of faculty to reduce the cost of course materials, including through use of Open Educational Resources (OER). I thank the FCCC for raising concerns about inclusive access programs and have shared this resolution with Provost-in-Charge Sandvik, General Counsel Longani, and Senior Advisor Gladd.
- **Resolution AAC4.2022-2023: Supporting Students and Faculty Faced with Rising Ideological and Anti-Intellectual Attacks on Academic Freedom**
This is a situation we continue to monitor. At SUNY, I have been clear that we are committed to the principles of academic freedom and to ensuring that all of our students are prepared to succeed in our diverse and complex world. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is one of the pillars that structures the policy agenda I introduced in May of this year. We are committed to advancing DEI across the system through multiple means, including a system-wide campus climate survey, expanded support for services for students with disabilities, appointment of faculty Fellows to support implementation of the DEISJ knowledge and skills requirement within the SUNY General Education Framework, and implementation of the Black Leadership Institute, just to name a few. I look forward to continued collaboration with FCCC in this area.

Thank you for your leadership, and for the work of the FCCC in supporting our community college faculty and their role in shared governance.

Sincerely,



Dr. John B. King, Jr.

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