

# STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair – Rajiv Narula

SUNY University Faculty Senate Winter Plenary

VIRTUAL MEETING: January 19-21, 2023

**Committee Charge** - The Committee will be concerned with significant educational, developmental, social, cultural and recreational policies, programs, issues and services that affect the quality of student life and the campus environment of the State University of New York.

**Committee Membership** – Moaath Alrajab (Farmingdale), Ed Quinn (Stony Brook), Jae Fish (SUNY SA Student rep), Katie Dame (Liaison – University Life @ SUNY), Lenka Pichlikova (Purchase), Maria Lima (Geneseo), Mary McGuire (Cortland), Chip Matthews (Geneseo), Trish Ralph (Buffalo State), Amy Rosen-Brand (Buffalo State), Sen Zhang (Oneonta), Patty Tvaroha (FCCC Rep)

## **Committee Report -**

We presented a joint resolution with EID Committee on SUNY Student Loan Service Center's (SLSC) handling of college-held Perkins Loan payments and interest during the pandemic at the Fall Plenary. The resolution passed. We are providing any information to SUNY as and when requested for the effective implementation of the resolution.

The student body is preparing a survey to be rolled out that outlines the initiatives that they would specifically like to work on with the Student Life Committee.

Katie Dame at University Life is planning on creating a repository of Ideas on how to make Colleges STUDENT Ready. Since a survey will be required, we are looking at IRB approvals.

The pathway for IRB approvals for survey like these mentioned above (or a statement that survey like these are IRB exempt) has still not been worked

out. Our committee would be grateful for any help that we can get.

Katie Dame at University Life plans to hold listening sessions open to every student to improve the quality of student life and the campus environment. This information will be used to identify and address issues raised by the student population.

We are creating a path (hoping to create a listserv with titles and not names – example – [faculty senate@SUNY.EDU](mailto:faculty senate@SUNY.EDU) rather than Jennifer Redinger) to communicate our reports with Vice President of Student Affairs and Student Association across campuses to increase transparency and also so that policies and recommendations can be effectively implemented across campuses.

Patty Tvaroha (our FCCC liaison) is working on mental health initiatives for students as per the FCCC Winter Plenary held on January 10, 2023. She is also investigating to see if legal resources and help is available to our students if they need it.

Trish Ralph is helping with the Seamless Transfer of Credits subcommittee with Governance. There is a possibility that campuses developing their Gen Ed program may make student success and mobility more difficult.

Jae (our student representative) is volunteering to help with the DACA subcommittee with EID.

Ed Quinn is working with Operations Committee to investigate if the Excelsior Scholarship is too restrictive for students and how we can hear their voices and best assist students to know the pros and cons of using Excelsior.

We plan to work with the Undergraduate Committee for a Joint Resolution to create a localized system for a repository of every Course Description and Learning Outcomes so that students can make the best-informed decision on courses they wish to take. This was a recommendation from Jae representing the student body.