

TO: SUNY Board of Trustees
FROM: University Faculty Senate Black Lives Matter Subcommittee
RE: Resolution: Board of Trustees Acknowledges that Black Lives Matter
DATE: 22 January 2021
LOCATION: Online
RESOLUTION #: 187-03-1
VOTE TALLY: For: 39 / Against: 1 / Abstain: 2

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS the SUNY Board of Trustees 9/10/2015 Resolution DEI Policy desires to make SUNY the most inclusive higher education system in the country; and

WHEREAS the SUNY mission statement¹ lacks mention of racial equity, diversity, social justice, or inclusion; and

WHEREAS this omission could imply complacency for racial oppression; and

WHEREAS white supremacy and white privilege² exist within society and within SUNY influencing policy and procedures within SUNY; and

WHEREAS Black lives matter:

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Faculty Senate ask the Board of Trustees to officially acknowledge and explicitly state that Black lives matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the University Faculty Senate request the Board of Trustees to petition the state legislature to specifically add “create, support, and defend anti-racist policies” to SUNY’s official Mission Statement.

¹ <https://www.suny.edu/about/mission/>

² https://psychology.umbc.edu/files/2016/10/White-Privilege_McIntosh-1989.pdf