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SPONSORED BY: Senator Constantine
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SUBJECT: Resolution to better prepare for and respond to Winter weather conditions on campus

SENATE VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOTE

Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:

I. WHEREAS, The University at Albany is tasked with providing many services for students, the most important responsibility is that of ensuring student safety on campus for those who live and commute here; and

II. WHEREAS, Winter weather conditions pose a significant challenge to university students and staff, it is necessary to address and resolve dangerous conditions in the interest of preserving the safety of everyone on the University at Albany Campus; and

III. WHEREAS, we are currently in the midst of Winter, recent storms have brought to light various concerns with regards to weather safety; and

IV. WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Student Association to receive constituent concerns, we find it necessary to relay recent issues with student safety to university administrators; and

V. WHEREAS, students have reported issues related to Winter weather conditions. These include but are not limited to, blocked sidewalks, blocked and/or frozen disability ramps, icy walkways, patches of ice, and stuck vehicles etc; and

VI. WHEREAS, these conditions have led to slips and falls and other inconveniences to those on campus; and

VII. WHEREAS, these conditions are believed to be due in part to: depressions in concrete/blacktop walkways and outdoor common areas as well as issues with drainage that lead to freezing, wet floors, inadequate plowing of parking lots etc.; and

VIII. THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED, that the University at Albany seek to better prepare for and respond to winter weather events by providing more salting and walkway maintenance on a regular basis; and

IX. MAY IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University at Albany seek to repair draining issues and depressions in concrete pathways and common areas that lead to the above stated conditions; and

X. MAY IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that rather than simply placing “wet floor” signs in areas adjacent to exterior doors, the university custodial staff should seek to dry these floors or place weather resistant carpets near entryways in order to decrease slips; and

XI. THEREFORE, MAY IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Havidian Rodriguez, The Department of Residential Life, The University Department of Custodial Services, The Disability Resource Center, and all other relevant administrative departments.

Lanise Cadesca, President

2/6/19
Passed by the Senate

I, Brandon D. Holdridge, attest this is a true and valid record of action taken by the Student Association Senate on the date provided.

Sen. Brandon D. Holdridge, Chair