

UNIVERSITY SENATE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
**RESOLUTION ON THE SUBSUMPTION OF THE SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
INTO ROCKEFELLER COLLEGE**

Introduced by: Executive Committee Chair on Behalf of University Senators
Date: May 13, 2020

RATIONALE:

Whereas the SUNY Board of Trustees ⁱ, SUNY Chancellor ⁱⁱ, and University at Albany Senate ⁱⁱⁱ are all committed to the principles of shared governance; and

Whereas Article I, Section 2.4.1 of the Faculty Bylaws of the University at Albany, State University of New York states “Formal consultation is required for matters covered by Article 1, Section 2.2.2. Either the President or the Faculty shall be able to request formal consultation on other matters.... Formal consultation should occur as soon as issues needing resolution are identified. The faculty shall be given adequate time to respond. A written response to final Faculty recommendations shall be provided, indicating what decisions were made and the basis for such decisions; this should be particularly detailed in instances where faculty recommendations are not followed;”^{iv} and

Whereas without prior consultation with the University Senate, on February 4, 2020, the Office of the Provost announced to the University community that on June 1, 2020 the School of Criminal Justice was to be subsumed into Rockefeller College; and

Whereas on February 28, 2020, the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requested that all movement toward the transition be halted until consultation with SEC and the academic and professional faculty of both schools could be arranged. This consultation was to include a review by all parties of the Provost’s rationale and feasibility study for the decision; and SEC’s development of transition planning recommendations by March 28, 2020, two months before the Administration’s deadline of June 1, 2020.

Whereas the Administration agreed to provide the Provost’s rationale and feasibility study to the SEC; however, the request to halt transition planning prior to Senate consultation was disregarded. Transition planning by the Provost’s Office, the Office of the President, and the Dean of Rockefeller College proceeded; and

Whereas after the full and undivided attention of the University’s academic and professional faculty turned to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, on no less than three occasions the SEC and the University Senate Chair respectfully requested a halt to transition planning for the subsumption of the School of Criminal Justice into Rockefeller College until the SEC could reasonably devote time to preparing School of Criminal Justice transition planning recommendations. These requests were denied by the President.

RESOLUTION:

Therefore Let It Be It Resolved that in the spirit of shared governance, the University at Albany Senate calls for

1. all movement toward the subsumption of the School of Criminal Justice into Rockefeller College to be suspended until consultation with SEC and the academic and professional faculty of both schools can be arranged.
2. the Senate's consultative activities as they relate to the transition planning recommendations to be allowed to resume on August 24, 2020, and conclude no later than October 30, 2020;
3. the subsumption of the School of Criminal Justice into Rockefeller College to occur only after a written response from the Provost to final SEC recommendations is provided indicating what decisions were made and the basis for each decision.

i. <https://www.suny.edu/media/suny/content-assets/documents/boardoftrustees/SUNY-BOT-Policies-Jan2019.pdf>

ii. <https://www.suny.edu/about/shared-governance/>

iii, iv <https://www.albany.edu/universitysenate/>