



UUP: An Outspoken Advocate for SUNY Funding

Did you know?

UUP is the strongest, most dedicated advocate for the State University of New York, fighting since 1973 for greater state funding for SUNY's 29 state-operated campuses and three public teaching hospitals.

UUP is a potent political force that has beaten back continued efforts to defund SUNY as public university systems nationwide have been decimated by austerity budgets. UUP members have met with lawmakers in Albany and in their district offices—often with their students—to promote SUNY as a world-class university system that must remain affordable and accessible to *all* New Yorkers.

UUP presses for legislative advances and pursues legal action with one goal in mind: to *protect* our University, our students, our work and our union.

Year after year, UUP has pressed the Legislature to restore SUNY funding cuts proposed in Executive Budgets. Some of UUP's achievements include:

- ✓ Restored funding to SUNY by increasing personal service support by \$7.6 million—2014-15
- ✓ Fought to expand SUNY's Opportunity Programs and to increase SUNY capital funding—2015-16

- ✓ Saved hundreds of jobs at SUNY Downstate Medical Center and fought off repeated attempts to downsize or privatize the Brooklyn hospital—2015-16
- ✓ Halted the governor's proposal to cut the SUNY Hospital State Subsidy by \$18.5 million—2015-16
- ✓ Defeated the governor's plan to de-register undergraduate teacher education programs based on faulty certification exam scores—2015-16
- ✓ Increased maximum TAP awards for college students to \$5,165—2014-15
- ✓ Restored the governor's proposed \$28 million cut to the SUNY teaching hospital state subsidy—2013-14
- ✓ Maintained SUNY funding levels when other state agencies were cut by 2.5 percent—2012-13
- ✓ Obtained \$75 million to preserve student access, full-time faculty, and other campus positions—2009-10
- ✓ Used legislation and litigation to defeat the governor's 2009-10 proposals to:
 - Eliminate contractually negotiated 3 percent salary increases for state employees.
 - Institute a five-day payroll lag.
 - Increase retiree health insurance premiums and Medicare Part B contributions.
- ✓ Made the agency shop fee for public employee unions permanent under the Taylor Law—2008-09
- ✓ Obtained \$10 million appropriation to hire as many as 150 more full-time faculty—2007-08
- ✓ Rejected the Berger Commission's directive to remove Upstate Medical University from SUNY—2007-08
- ✓ Eliminated the 3 percent employee contribution to the state's ORP—2007-08
- ✓ Obtained \$25 million in capital funding for new EOC facilities in Buffalo and Rochester—2005-06
- ✓ Rejected the governor's proposal to cut Graduate Medical Education funding—2005-06
- ✓ Passed a permanent cost-of-living-adjustment for all public employee retirees—2000-01



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