UUP has achieved the following—and more—with voluntary advocates and voluntary contributions.

- Saved hundreds of jobs at SUNY Downstate Medical Center and fought off repeated attempts to downsize the Brooklyn hospital.
- Defended SUNY’s public teaching hospitals from numerous privatization threats.
- Fought to expand SUNY’s Opportunity Programs and to increase SUNY capital funding.

UUP is the leading advocate for expanded access to affordable public higher education.

UUP fights for legislative advances and against harmful anti-public higher education and anti-union proposals to protect our University, our students, our work and our union. Membership dues are not used to fund this fight.

Some of UUP’s successes include:

- Defeated the governor’s plan to privatize SUNY’s hospitals.
- Defeated the governor’s plan to de-register undergraduate teacher education programs based on faulty certification exam scores.
- Increased funding for SUNY’s Educational Opportunity Program by $4.4 million for 2015-16.
- Increased funding for SUNY’s Educational Opportunity Centers (including ATTAIN lab funds) by $3 million.
- Increased SUNY capital program funding.
- Successfully advocated for the Senate and Assembly to:
  - Pass the Maintenance of Effort bill to require the state to provide support to cover SUNY and CUNY mandatory costs, and SUNY’s Health Sciences Centers.
  - Pass a bill that requires the governor to submit five-year CUNY and SUNY capital plans in his Executive Budget to provide annual appropriations of capital funds to cover all crucial maintenance needs.
  - Pass a bill to bar the state from moving tuition, fees and hospital charges into the general fund.
  - Pass a bill to allow public employees who served in the military to receive pension credit for military service regardless of when they served.