



United University Professions
2018-19 Budget & Legislative Agenda

SUNY: State-Operated Campuses

Since 2008, SUNY's state-operated campuses have lost 50 percent of their state funding, dropping from \$1.36 billion in 2008 to \$694 million today.

SUNY's undergraduate programs were hardest hit by these harsh reductions, which diminished their capacity to serve student demand.

The state must increase funding to these necessary programs to ensure the quality education SUNY provides and to accommodate student needs.

BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR 2018-2019

- ✓ Close the "TAP gap." Add \$65 million to cover the cost of Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) at state-operated campuses. SUNY supports more than 40 percent of the state's TAP recipients and must cover TAP benefits above amounts funded by the state.
- ✓ Add state funding to reimburse SUNY's state-operated campuses for additional costs or revenue losses associated with the Excelsior Scholarship program. SUNY serves more than 12,000 recipients and is experiencing an increase in enrollment-related costs coupled with a resulting revenue decrease.
- ✓ Support SUNY's proposal to use the \$18 million Performance Improvement Fund to create the Competitive Innovation Fund. An additional \$30 million would be added to hire as many as 300 full-time faculty each year for the next five years in cross-disciplinary areas of state and national importance.
- ✓ Restore \$5.3 million removed from the governor's Executive Budget proposal for the EOP, and add \$5.2 million in additional funding.
- ✓ Restore a \$5 million cut to the EOCs in the Executive Budget, and add \$1.6 million in additional funding. Include an additional \$300,000 (federal funding) for ATTAIN labs.
- ✓ Add \$5 million to establish an EOP-linked teacher recruitment pipeline program. Future teachers from underrepresented, economically disadvantaged communities would be encouraged to pursue teaching careers in New York state. This program will address the growing teacher shortage and encourage greater diversity in teaching.
- ✓ Increase funding to \$5 million for the Faculty Diversity Program; allot an additional \$2.5 million to create a mentoring and cultural awareness program on campuses with Faculty Diversity Program faculty.
- ✓ Reject Executive Budget proposals to cap the state's reimbursement of Medicare Part B premiums, and eliminate state reimbursement of increased Medicare Part B costs for higher-income retirees under IRMAA.
- ✓ Add \$10 million to develop clean energy technology degree programs at SUNY's tech sector colleges.



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SUNY: Academic Medical Centers

The state's subsidy for SUNY's three teaching hospitals has been cut by \$75 million since 2008. Losing these funds impacts the hospitals' ability to care for the uninsured and underinsured patients they must serve.

This year, this important subsidy was cut completely from the proposed 2018-2019 Executive Budget.

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✓ Restore the \$78.6 million hospital subsidy cut from the proposed 2018-19 Executive Budget. Allocate an additional \$74.4 million to return the hospital subsidy to its original level of \$153 million. The state must resume its clear-cut responsibility to ensure that these state-owned and operated institutions provide the best medical assistance possible.

Also, UUP supports a SUNY proposal requesting the state pay \$36.1 million to cover the hospitals' debt service.

✓ Approve legislation to force the state to meet mandates to match federal DSH payments with Medicaid dollars, and require it to pay all future DSH payments owed to the hospitals.

✓ Pass a law that would protect SUNY's public hospitals from DSH allocation cutbacks due to changes in federal legislation.

✓ Add \$15 million to create the Buffalo Teaching Health Care Fellows program.