



The State University of New York
Student Assembly

Sustainability Committee

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RESOLUTION

TO: Members of the General Assembly
FROM: Zachary Beaudoin, Chair of Sustainability
DATE: Date
SUBJECT: STARS AASHE SUSTAINABLE TRACKING

Action Requested

We request that the State University of New York in an effort to gauge, monitor, and enhance the overall sustainability of its campus and entities, adopt the STARS AASHE report as the standard for all campuses. With enrollment in STARS AASHE, we request that all campuses use this as a tool to gradually move towards the maximization of each category with the intent of reaching a gold rating therefore potentially allowing campuses to be awarded grant money through REV.

Resolution

I recommend that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNYSA) adopt the following resolution:

Whereas fulfilling many of the categories in the STARS AASHE report will help campuses save money while reducing their carbon footprint;

Whereas by enrolling in STARS AASHE, campuses are able to not only gauge where their campuses are in a variety of categories, but they are able to compete with other campuses across the nation;

Whereas STARS AASHE is a reputable non-governmental organization that helps accurately track campus sustainability through their rigorous guidelines;

Whereas STARS AASHE can be a useful tool for SUNY to see what facets of sustainability need more attention;

Resolved that SUNY calls for all campuses to enroll in the STARS AASHE program;

Resolved that campus will use STARS AASHE to improve sustainability in all of the categories detailed within the report;

Resolved that SUNY campuses simultaneously work with REV from NYSERDA to earn money based on their STARS AASHE score in order to invest in sustainable projects;

Resolved SUNY campuses use STARS AASHE as a way to continuously be updating and improving campus sustainability;

Resolved that the Student Assembly of the State University of New York shall forward copies of this Resolution to the SUNY Board of Trustees, SUNY Chancellor Zimpher, University Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, SUNY Campus Presidents, SUNY student governing bodies, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.