As compared to the last several Plenaries, this Plenary was much quieter due to the decrease in new initiatives coming out of the Chancellor’s office, however she did have a few news items of note:

- **SUNY Administration** is recognized as needing a budget increase and hasn’t submitted for one for 20 years. They are asking that the campuses contribute $14 million collectively over the next 5 years so that the SUNY Administration can finance initiatives. Presidents are unhappy with this and the Board of Trustees has asked that System Administration justify the increase and examine alternatives before moving forward.

- **Alex Cartwright**, former VP for Research and Economic Development at UB, has accepted the position of SUNY Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. He has been on the job for approximately 6 weeks and looks forward to working with all the SUNY campuses.

- **SUNY** is considering for the dual purposes of holding the System accountable in order to secure additional State funding, and for use in review of campus Presidents a host of metrics or areas of measurement. These areas include Access, Completion, Success, Research, and Engagement. Metrics under the Access area include campus enrollment, diversity, capacity, and affordability. Metrics under completion are completion rates, time to degree, and transfer rates. Metrics under Success include applied learning, student supports, financial literacy, degree progression, student employment and earnings. Under Research they are considering metrics such as external investment in research, scholarship/discovery/ and innovation, and invited, appointed, or called to serve as thought leaders. Under the last area, Engagement, metrics include Start-up New York, commercialization, workforce development, alumni/philanthropic support, and community service. SUNY Senators are now being asked to view this list further and offer comments/revisions by November 18.

- **A number of resolutions also passed.** They included:

  - Resolution on Sexual Assault Prevention – Endorses and supports the SUNY initiative on sexual assault response and prevention

  - Resolution Requesting All State University of New York Campuses Offering Athletics Create Programs to Support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Athletes, Coaches, and Staff and to Prevent Anti-LGBT Bias and Discrimination in Athletics – Request SUNY Administration, through individual campus Presidents and their designees, work with Directors of Athletics and Student Government organizations to develop systematic programs that support LGBT athletes, coaches and staff.
Resolution on SUNY Excels Performance Measurement System. SUNY Faculty Senate support for the SUNY Excels program is contingent upon satisfactorily addressing the following:

- Both individual campuses and the SUNY system engage all participants in governance including faculty, staff, and students in the development and implementation of campus specific performance measures that are integrally linked to their unique institutional missions.
- Each campus, through the existing shared governance process(es), and SUNY carefully assess the impacts of pursuing conflicting performance measure simultaneously.
- SUNY and its respective campuses, through the existing shared governance process(es) systematically review the validity and reliability of their performance measure son an annual basis.
- SUNY adopt procedures for amending performance measures and their systems as part of a process of continuous improvement for the System and its campuses.

Resolution on Affordability of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials. The University Faculty Senate asks the Chancellor to work with campus Presidents to implement the Student Assembly of the State University of New York’s Resolution #1314-40. Further, the senate asks the Chief Academic Officer on each campus to work with the Campus Governance Leader to consider faculty to adopt textbooks from all phases of Open SUNY Textbooks and other open textbook sources and be encouraged to author such resources. Finally, the Senate asks the Chief Academic Officer on each campus to work with the Campus Governance Leader to increase faculty knowledge of low or no cost textbook alternatives.

Resolution on Reduction on the Maximum Working Hours for Student Assistants. The Senate requests that SUNY System Administration work with the State of New York to remove the limitation on student assistant working hours. Further, the Senate urges the Chancellor to support any and all other efforts to provide students with insurance options so that student working hours not be limited.

Resolution in support of expanding SUNY undergraduate research and creative endeavors. The senate supports the goal of expanding research opportunities for undergraduate students. It also supports our colleagues in their efforts to strengthen curricula that prepare students for undergraduate research. It also supports our colleagues in their efforts to further develop creative ways to infuse undergraduate research into existing curricula, and where appropriate, to provide extracurricular research opportunities. Finally, the Senate encourages SUNY and campus administration to provide greater resources (funding, time space, credit), to our colleagues who regularly inspire, educate, and mentor undergraduate researchers.
Resolution on Naloxone Availability. The Faculty Senate requests that SUNY Administration ensure that all SUNY campus police units and campus First Responders have access to and are stocked with naloxone and are trained in its use for emergent administration. Further, campuses work to prevent substance abuse in our campus communities.