2013 Legislative Budget Request

STATE-OPERATED CAMPUSES
The Executive Budget reflects the State’s commitment to the “maintenance of effort” provision enacted by Chapter 260 of the Laws of 2011, maintaining General Fund support for State-Operated campuses at the 2012-13 appropriated levels, but does not include funding for incremental costs such as contractual salary increases or general inflation.

SUNY requests an additional $5 million – to be matched by SUNY – for performance based funding. This initiative would utilize a series of metrics based upon quality and excellence meeting New York State workforce demands.

SUNY requests $19.9M to begin aligning support with a 9.1 percent growth in enrollment. Over the past five years SUNY has seen increased enrollment that has not been funded by the state due to reduced or flat funding. $5.5M of this amount is tied to growth in high need areas such as healthcare, agriculture business, and information technology.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES
The Executive Budget maintains the 2012-13 base aid at $2,272 per FTE and introduces a $3 million performance based funding initiative for vocational degree programs. In addition, criteria for base aid funding is modified for vocational degree programs to focus on economic and workforce development and employment opportunities in the local community.

SUNY requests $37.3 million for a base aid increase of $260 per FTE in support of SUNY’s Five Year Plan to return State funding to one third of applicable Community College operating costs. In addition, SUNY supports the restoration of $653,000 (39.4 percent of their total operating budget) to the community college child care center appropriation not included in the Executive Budget and $11.2 million for the State to cover chargeback cost related to upper division and graduate students at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

HOSPITALS
The Executive Budget reduces State Operating support for the three University Hospitals by $27.8 million.

SUNY requests a restoration of that $27.8 million. In addition, SUNY requests $35 million to stabilize Upstate Medical University, and $99 million to enable Downstate Medical University to begin their restructuring process while preserving their ability to provide quality medical education.

CAPITAL
The Executive Budget recommends the reauthorization of all prior year appropriations for each of SUNY’s capital programs, funding for a new NYSUNY 2020 Phase III, $38.5 million for the 50 percent share for the community college local sponsor approved critical maintenance projects, $50 million in hard dollar authorization for the SUNY residential facilities and the creation of a new self-supporting program to finance SUNY residential facilities supported by student rental income.

SUNY requests capital initiatives as follows:

- Supplement existing appropriations for critical maintenance at state-operated and statutory campuses that will spend down over the next two years by providing $2.0 billion in new funding for the remaining three years of the proposed five year capital plan;
- Absent access to capital funding for hospitals under the existing program, provide an alternative funding mechanism for hospital facilities;
- Provide a $100 million SUNY-wide capital appropriation to cover catastrophic facility losses;
- Provide $30 million to develop SUNY’s information technology infrastructure;
- Authorization to utilize design/build mechanisms recommended to other agencies and authorities; and,
- Provide the 50 percent shares for the five remaining local-sponsor approved community college projects, including:
  - $3.0 million for the athletic complex at Cayuga Community College
  - $0.125 million for the property acquisition at Cayuga Community College,
  - $1.5 million for the health sciences center at Herkimer Community College,
  - $18.556 million for a new downtown campus for Monroe Community College, and
  - $12.5 million for the learning commons at Niagara Community College.

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