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# UFS *focus*

## A SYNOPSIS OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE'S (UFS) PLENARY MEETING PROCEEDINGS TO INFORM THE BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE SENATE AND ITS WORK

The official UFS post-plenary report and all resolutions are available on the UFS website: <http://www.sunyufs.us/spring-2020-post-plenary-report.html>

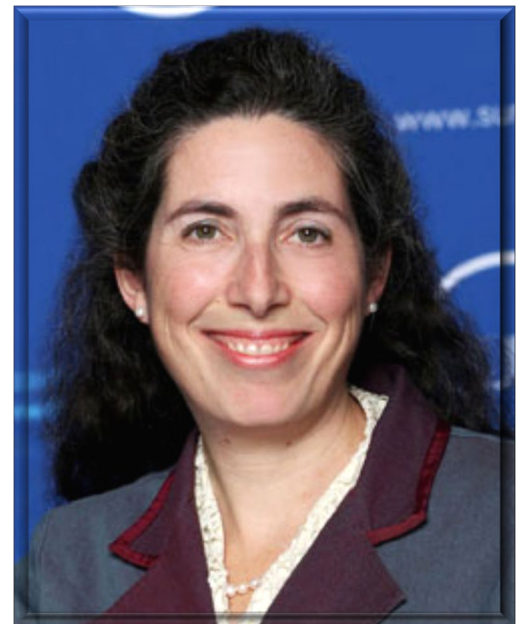
## President Kay's Report

**Budget** – As of 4/17/20, \$550M for critical maintenance, \$50M for hospitals, CCs lost \$18M in funding, no Maintenance of Effort (MOE); this budget report was *prior* to any action that is taken by the NYS Budget Director when their powers of broad authority are triggered by the State missing revenue and expense targets

**Elsevier Contract** – renewed with 248 titles and includes access to others through ILL and article purchasing; maintains access to

the previous collection; 10% discount on Article Processing Charges (APCs) for all SUNY faculty who wish to publish as open access articles

**COVID-19** - infusion of federal funds from the CARES Act, need for lobbying for additional allocations, flexibility and responsiveness are critical, assessment must continue, and shared governance remains essential to higher education



## CHANCELLOR JOHNSON'S REPORT

Chancellor Kristina Johnson updated the UFS body on SUNY's response to COVID-19 using a timeline to demonstrate key decision points for the system during the pandemic, and detailed System Administration's COVID-19 Task Force which is designed to provide guidance to campuses, the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees, and other stakeholders. An update on the COVID-19 support services that are being offered by SUNY Online was also provided, as well information about the ways SUNY is helping close the digital divide for student during remote instruction. The [#SUNYTogether](#) campaign to raise funds for student technology assistance, the student emergency fund, personal protective equipment, medical research, and scholarships was also announced.

# Questions to the Chancellor

*UFS is organized into sectors of similar institutional types and each sector is invited to ask the Chancellor up to three questions at the plenaries.*



Buffalo State is part of the Comprehensive College sector, along with Brockport, Cortland, Empire State, Fredonia, Geneseo, New Paltz, Old Westbury, Oneonta, Oswego, Plattsburgh, and Purchase. Our sector asked the following:

*Q: ...Today we ask you to join us in making a case for the enduring value of in-person, face-to-face education. Our sector occupies a niche in which we have a competitive advantage, our campuses have a physical and social infrastructure we don't believe should be abandoned, and our colleges are often the largest employers in our counties. Many of our students are mourning the loss of their on-campus lives, activities, cultures, and identities. Given that SUNY Online targets adult learners and can be scaled up only so rapidly, our colleges will continue to be the educational home for the vast majority of SUNY students. **How, then, should our sector contribute to positioning SUNY to capture what could well be a countercyclical increase in student enrollments through a smart mix of in-person/face-to-face and online teaching and learning?***

Other UFS Sector Question topics:

**Health Sciences:** survival of American Medical Centers (AMCs) of SUNY, vision of rebuilding AMC's infrastructure after the crisis

**Specialized and Statutory:** addressing experiential learning within social distancing requirements

**Technology and Agriculture:** supporting students in completing applied learning licensure requirements within social distancing requirements

**University Centers:** financial recovery from COVID-19, using the crisis to inform innovation

**Campus Governance Leaders (CGLs)** requested an independent audit to examine the administrator to faculty/staff ratio, review for trends, set limits

[Visit the official post-plenary report online for the Chancellor's answers to sector questions!](#)

## Additional reports at the 185<sup>th</sup> UFS Plenary

- Tod Laursen, Provost: pivoting to remote instruction, promotion and tenure issues, grading, assessment, recruiting and admissions, resources, planning for summer and beyond
- Kim Scalzo, Interim Executive Director for Academic Technologies and Innovation: COVID-19 remote instruction support. Packback Tool. SUNY Online



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