

SUNY tuition rise may be Necessary

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposed 10 percent budget cut to the State University of New York is a serious concern to each of us. We have different leadership roles at SUNY New Paltz, but we all worry about the harm such cuts, if enacted, will bring to our public educational mission and our role as a major economic engine in the region. Without other revenue, we anticipate fewer courses that make timely graduation difficult, larger class sizes, a hiring freeze, and consolidation or elimination of jobs, programs, and support services.

In the absence of restored state funding, a 5-year rational tuition plan is the clearest path to provide campuses like New Paltz with revenue to maintain courses, programs, and jobs.

SUNY tuition is among the lowest in the nation.

The SUNY Student Assembly supports a tuition increase, and we encourage everyone who cares about SUNY and the future of public higher education in New York to write to state leaders encouraging them to support such a plan.

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