

Professional Employees Governance Board (PEG) Resolution on Restructuring to a Professional Staff Senate (PSS)

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS The Professional Employees Governance Board (PEG) is the governance structure recognized as “part of the University's governance system with authority to make studies, reports and recommendations on all governance matters which have a significant bearing on professional employees.” (see [PEG Board Constitution](#))

WHEREAS The PEG Board has identified a greater need for professional development, support and opportunities for non-teaching professional staff in order to enhance and provide an even higher level of support and service to University students, governance, and administration than we currently do.

WHEREAS 80.6 percent of AAU and SUNY Centers shared governance models have Staff Representation in at least one shared governance body.¹

WHEREAS The University of Buffalo Professional Staff Senate (PSS) is the officially recognized governance organization of professional employees at The University of Buffalo. “Professional Staff Senate shall be a fact finding, deliberative, and consultative body, with authority to make studies, reports, and recommendations on all governance matters which have a significant bearing on professional employees. The PSS shall operate, in accordance with the policies set forth by the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, as a recognized part of the University's shared governance system, and shall as appropriate, work jointly with others within the five pillars of shared governance: Faculty, Staff, Students, Administration, and Councils.” (see [Buffalo PSS](#))

WHEREAS The University of Binghamton Professional Staff Senate (PSS) is the officially recognized governance organization of professional employees at Binghamton University. “The Senate consists of twenty-seven elected members who represent the concerns and the needs of our constituents via a calendar of regular meetings. As stated in our Constitution, we exist to contribute to the success of Binghamton University and to the growth and welfare of its professional employees. The Senate shall seek an active role in the policy decisions of the University. The Senate shall be a fact-finding, deliberative, and consultative body, with authority to make studies, reports, and recommendations on all governance matters which have a significant bearing on professional employees.” (see [Binghamton PSS](#))

WHEREAS The PEG Board currently does not meet regularly with the University Administration and Leadership.

¹ Based on research and information compiled by Kara DeSanna, Assistant Provost for Academic Program and Curriculum Management, and presented to the University Senate Executive Committee in Fall 2023, (In AAU & SUNY University Center Senate Apparatus.)

RESOLUTION:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Professional Employees Governance Board of Stony Brook University will change its name to the Professional Staff Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Stony Brook University Senate Executive Committee endorses the transformation and elevation of the PEG Board from a *board* to a *senate* for the purpose of meeting with the University Administration and Leadership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Professional Employees Governance Board will restructure professional representation and contribution to shared governance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PEG Board will convene an ad hoc committee composed of current and former elected PEG Board officers and currently elected PEG Board members to evaluate the current constitution and bylaws for revision and to amend them for the new structure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PEG Board will collaborate with the University Senate's Executive Committee and affiliated major governing units (MGUs) leadership to ensure continued and appropriate participation of professional staff representation and participation in those bodies.

Draft resolution voted on and approved by the PEG Board membership, November 16, 2023.
Final resolution voted on [and to be approved] by the PEG Board membership, February 22, 2024.