



**198th Plenary, Fall 2024
SUNY Plattsburgh
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Reports from UFS President Keith Landa, SUNY Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on the Provost, Ram Rmasubramanian, and Chancellor King can be found at <https://www.sunyufs.us/plenary-files.html>

- 1) [President's Report](#), SUNY UFS President, Keith Landa

Feb 7-9, 2024 Conference on *Strengthening the case for Public Higher Education*
Transfer Task Force
Climate and Sustainability Action Plan

- 2) [Provost's Report](#), SUNY Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Provost, Melur K. "Ram" Ramasubramanian

Empire AI: Plans for using AI for more personalized learning
Strategic Research Investment
Discussed the recent changes in Gen Ed Core Competencies
Civic Education and Engagement, including Civic Discourse Fellows and and online series
Diversity Equity and Inclusion and Social Justice (DEISJ) Fellows
Prior Learning Assessment
Conversations in the Disciplines
Plans for high quality experiential learning for every student.
The Conversations in the Disciplines program has been revived.
In the summer of 2024 the SUNY Provost's office helped with EOP student funding and plans on helping again with EOP in the summer of 2025.

- 3) Chancellor's Report, SUNY Chancellor John King
ASAP and ACE Programs improving retention
SUNY Accessibility Advocates & Allies (AAA) Faculty Fellowship program
PRODiG+, 400 over the next 10 years
Offered broad approaches for addressing Climate and Sustainability
Addressing student safety: Funding for some campuses to create safe spaces, interfaith centers
Campuses reviewed time, place, and manner policies over the summer

Campuses developed title VI training
Civil Discourse Fellows

As noted before, Chancellor King was asked about the SUNY plan to build a resilient infrastructure, noting that SBU flooding may be a harbinger of things to come. This issue was raised again by the HSC Sector.

Chancellor King responded that he will be making the case for a 5 yr thoughtful SUNY Capital fund. His request will have three goals,

- 1) addressing the maintenance backlog,
- 2) addressing climate resilience, renewable energy, and moving systems out of basements, and
- 3) to meet our ambitious research goal, investments in first-in-class facilities.

He will need our help because the money has to come from beyond SUNY. Our request to the legislature will compete with a request from the MTA, which will be asking for a large amount of money.

4) Resolutions

- **G&R:** "[198-01-1 Faculty Freedom and HyFlex Teaching Modality](#)"
 - This resolution advocates for recognition and protection of faculty choice and academic freedom in policies related to the HyFlex teaching modality.
 - For: 38 / Against: 8
- **G&R:** "[198-02-1 Graduate Education Standards Workgroup](#)"
 - In order to support high-quality graduate education system-wide, this resolution asks for the creation of a SUNY-wide work group charged with compiling and sharing best practices for graduate education across the SUNY System, as well as sharing research and scholarly professional development opportunities.
 - For: 47 / Against: 0
- **SL:** "[198-03-1 Recommendation for the adoption of the Okanagan Charter for Health Promotion in Universities and Colleges](#)"
 - [Okanagan Charter](#) for Health Promotion in Universities and Colleges provides a comprehensive framework for promoting and enhancing the health and well-being of our campus communities and embracing the principles outlined in the Okanagan Charter aligns with our campuses commitment to fostering a supportive and thriving environment for all members of our community. This resolution requests the Chancellor

recommend adoption and attention to campus policies that align with the Okanagan Charter.

- For: 45 / Against: 2
- **EC:** "[198-05-1 Resolution Endorsing the Joint SUNY UFS, SUNY FCCC, and CUNY UFS Statement on Funding Public Higher Education](#)"
 - This resolution endorses the Joint Statement on funding Public Higher Education. It charges President Landa to advocate with System Administration and state and federal governments for funding on behalf of all public higher education systems in the state.
 - For: 44 / Against: 0
- **Floor motion** to [endorse University at Buffalo Faculty Senate's resolution to change Board of Trustees policy on term appointments](#)
 - A Resolution passed by the University at Buffalo Senate called for a change to Board of Trustees Policy regarding Term Appointments, asking that language specifying terms limited to “not more than three years” be changed to allow “not more than five years.”
 - For: 47 / Against: 1

Defeated resolution

- **UG:** "[198-04-2 Request to align the 1976 MTP “Credit/Contact Hour Relationship” for applied learning to the regulations set by the NY State Commissioner of Education](#)"
 - A July 1976 MtP regarding applied learning/experiential learning specifies that one semester hour of credit will be awarded for 40 - 45 clock hours of supervised activity. This resolution requests updating that MtP to align with NYS Commissioner of Education policy that identifies the minimum time but no upper limit for awarding one credit hour.
 - For: 7 / Against: 34