RESOLUTION

College Council of the State University of New York at Oswego
April 5, 2011

Whereas, SUNY Oswego opened its Metro Center in March 2008 to help provide educational opportunities for place bound employees and to meet emerging workforce needs of the region; and,

Whereas, the Metro Center has had great success providing a broad range of course offerings from programs that include business, counseling and psychological services, curriculum and instruction, gerontology, literacy education, psychology and public justice; and,

Whereas, the Metro Center now offers downtown Syracuse employees and SUNY Oswego part-time students access to the college’s MBA program, new graduate courses in education and liberal arts, customized and contract training and small business consulting; and,

Whereas, the Metro Center has established an important presence in Central New York for SUNY Oswego and continues to experience expected significant growth in enrollments and strong regional demand for new programs; and,

Whereas, the SUNY Oswego and Metro Center have been honored with a Downtown Excellence Award, recognizing the college’s contribution to the Syracuse community and the Metro Center’s value as a high-tech outlet for graduate studies, workforce training, seminars and corporate and community collaborations; and,

Whereas, in May, 2010 the Metro Center was awarded Extension Center status by the State Education Department (SED); and,

Whereas, SUNY Oswego has received tremendous support from education, business and industry leaders, in both the Oswego and Syracuse regions, for additional academic support for part-time students and new collaborations and partnerships involving training opportunities in health care, small business development; and,

Whereas, addressing the educational and workforce training needs of the Central New York region were factors in expansion from an extension to a Branch campus;

Whereas, operating a Branch Campus will allow students to complete all degree program requirements at the Metro Center; and,

Whereas, an application to the State Education Department and an Amendment to the Master Plan of the State University of New York for approval of the Metro Center as Branch Campus will be submitted immediately after approval of this resolution.
Therefore, Be It Resolved that the College Council of the State University of New York at Oswego strongly supports the initiative by SUNY Oswego to seek Branch Campus status from the State Education Department.

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