Resolution on the State University and the "Voluntary" System of Assessment

Whereas the University Faculty Senate has indicated through a number of different resolutions that it opposes the collection and public distribution of standardized measures assessing student learning outcomes that would allow for invidious and inappropriate comparisons among SUNY units, and

Whereas each campus of the State University has an assessment process that is the result of agreements between that campus and the System Administration, the singular purpose of which is the improvement of undergraduate education, and

Whereas the Voluntary Assessment System recently fostered by AASCU and other educational organizations inappropriately uses such data as marketing tools rather than for the improvement of undergraduate education, and

Whereas eight State University campuses have "volunteered" to pilot the Voluntary System of Assessment with little or no consultation with local faculty governance bodies,

Therefore,

Be It Resolved that the University Faculty Senate strongly opposes any move to implement the Voluntary System of Assessment throughout SUNY, and

Be It Further Resolved that the University Faculty Senate urges a moratorium on any additional campus involvement in the pilot process without explicit and meaningful consultation with local governance bodies.