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Resolution urging the CUNY Board of Trustees to adopt the SUNY Board of Trustees resolution regarding sexual assault prevention and response.

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Whereas, On October 2, 2014, the Board of Trustees at the State University of New York (SUNY) passed a resolution to establish a set of policies that will be adopted by all 64 SUNY campuses regarding sexual assault prevention and response; and

Whereas, According to SUNY's website, "The resolution includes implementing a uniform, system-wide definition of consent that is required between participants before engaging in sexual activity; an immunity policy to protect students coming forward to report sexual assault; a statewide training program for campus police and administrators regarding how to address sexual assault incidents; a public campaign to increase awareness among students and parents; and a uniform Sexual Assault Victims' Bill of Rights that will, in clear and specific language, inform a student of his or her rights following an attack including the option of approaching State Police;" and

Whereas, According to SUNY's website, "[the] SUNY resolution is the first in a series of steps outlined by the Governor to combat sexual assault on college campuses"; and

Whereas, On November 24, 2014, the City University of New York's (CUNY) Board of Trustees will vote to enact a new sexual assault policy that would include uniform standards and definitions, according to the New York Amsterdam News; and

Whereas, It would be advantageous for CUNY to adopt a resolution on sexual assault policy similar to SUNY's which would also establish uniformity in both systems; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York urges the CUNY Board of Trustees to adopt the SUNY Board of Trustees resolution regarding sexual assault prevention and response.

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