

FACULTY ASSOCIATION SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Resolution of Keeping Suffolk County Community College Campuses Closed to Students and the Public until September 1, 2020

Passed by the FA Executive Council May 14, 2020

WHEREAS on May 1, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced all K-12 schools and college facilities statewide will remain closed for the rest of the academic year; and

WHEREAS the Long Island region has only met 5 of the 7 metrics to begin Phase I of the New York State reopening plan; and

WHEREAS communities in Suffolk County have some of the highest COVID-19 rates in the country; and

WHEREAS COVID-19 tests are not readily available and there are no FDA-approved treatments for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS recent research has demonstrated that the highest incidence of COVID-19 transmission is through extended contact with an infected individual in a confined space; and

WHEREAS epidemiologists have strong scientific evidence that supports transmissibility of COVID-19 through heating, ventilation, and cooling systems; and

WHEREAS opening Suffolk County Community College campuses to students and the public would endanger the lives of students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS Suffolk County Community College administration has made the decision to only offer online classes during the summer; and

WHEREAS Suffolk County Community College academic and student support faculty have been providing excellent services to students remotely for the last two months;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Association of Suffolk Community College's Executive Council urges Suffolk County Community College administration to prohibit students and the public from entering the campuses until September 1, 2020, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any plans to reopen campuses to students and to offer on-campus classes will be done in consultation with the Faculty Association and the three campus governance bodies.