Fellow Senators and Members of the University Community:

As student body president of Rutgers College, I have the privilege of addressing you on behalf of the Rutgers College Governing Association. I thank you in advance for providing me the opportunity to present to you a recent, and what we believe to be a very important resolution.

The Resolution in Support of the Transforming Undergraduate Education Report and its Recommendations is the culmination of over three full months of research and discussion. This legislation, which defines the Rutgers College student government’s opinion on the Transforming Undergraduate Education report and its recommendations, received overwhelming support from the student leaders of Rutgers College, passing at a near unanimous count of 33 in favor and 2 against the resolution.

With this in mind, I am very pleased to offer you our formal position concerning the Transforming Undergraduate Education report.

We, the representative student leaders of Rutgers College, on behalf of the students of Rutgers College, endorse the recommendations of the Transforming Undergraduate Education report as an effective and innovative method to achieve its stated goal of eliminating obstacles to maximize opportunity. Moreover, we urge the Board of Governors to vote in favor of the report’s suggested changes. Finally, we ask for student involvement throughout the implementation of these changes.

In addition to offering our support for the recommendations of the Transforming Undergraduate Education report, the RCGA will compile two supplemental reports. The first will be the Rutgers College Student Government Response to the Transforming Undergraduate Education report, which will address specific concerns and propose recommendations about the suggested changes to undergraduate education as raised in our committee discussions and during our two campus-wide forums. The objective of this report is to bring student concerns that we have gathered to the attention of those responsible for implementing the Transforming Undergraduate Education report’s recommendations.

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recommendations. Secondly, the RCGA will submit a report to be called, the *Women's Experience at Rutgers College: A Study of Women in Student Organizational Leadership*. This report will consist of the findings of the Women’s Experience at Rutgers College committee, which is an ad-hoc committee of the RCGA that has been investigating the impact of the *Transforming Undergraduate Education* report’s recommendations on women’s education and leadership programming. These reports will be available by the end of the Fall 2005 semester.

Fellow Senators, as we progress toward formulating our resolution on the recommendations of the *Transforming Undergraduate Education* report, I hope that you will take the RCGA’s support for these changes into consideration. We stand behind the report’s recommendations, and we look forward to the re-imagined and indeed revitalized undergraduate experience that the report endeavors to bring about. With the Senate’s support of the report’s recommendations, we welcome a Rutgers that proudly lists undergraduate education as one of its most salient assets. On behalf of the student government of Rutgers College, we look forward to working with the University Senate and University administration throughout the realization of this much needed, and long awaited transformed undergraduate experience.

Thank you for your time and continued service to Rutgers University.

Sincerest Regards,

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Attached: RF05-17 Resolution in Support of the Transforming Undergraduate Education Report and its Recommendations