**Resolution Title:** Resolution on Tax Fairness and Adequate Resources **Submitted by:** Submitted by Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

WHEREAS, tax exemptions and credits can be used appropriately to foster economic development and job growth; and

WHEREAS, lobbyists have effectively secured tax reductions, exemptions and credits, and loopholes, for their clients at the state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, such exemptions too often serve only the narrow interests of clients; and

WHEREAS, the steady reduction of corporate taxes, at the federal and state levels, have eroded the tax base and transferred the cost of public services to middle-class wage earners and homeowners; and

WHEREAS, corporations do not pay a fair share of the costs of the federal and state infrastructures that benefit them; and

WHEREAS, due to rising costs and the substantial decline in corporate taxes, states and localities are struggling to support education, healthcare, and other vital services; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that NYSUT challenge the corporate loopholes and unfairness in the NYS tax structure and pursue the enactment of taxes, such as imposition of a stock transfer tax, in order to restore the tax base; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYSUT disseminate information to its members about the impact on education of reductions in corporate tax liabilities and oppose any changes in the tax structure that will continue to erode the services upon which its members depend.