

UNAI MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT 2016/2017

State University of New York at New Paltz

United States of America

During the 2016/2017 reporting period, State University of New York at New Paltz (SUNY New Paltz) undertook a number of activities that underscore its commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly noteworthy:

The UN Semester is a 6-credit course offered every Spring semester consisting of two components: one, an academic component focusing on the study of international organization in general and the history, institutional structure, thematic issues, and dilemmas of the UN in particular; and two, a practical field experience component that is facilitated by 10 weekly Friday trips to the United Nations in New York City where students participate in a series of 30 scheduled briefings by UN officials, NGO representatives, and Permanent Missions of Member States. We also offer a Model United Nations course where students prepare and participate in the Harvard National Model UN simulations in Boston every year. Our school covers the funding for students to attend both of these classes. The SUNY Global Engagement Program in NYC is a fall semester internship based academic program for students with interests in global issues. Fall 2016, SUNY GEP placed six of its students at United Nations internships. The GEP curriculum includes works on intersection between the United Nations and non-governmental world.



SUNY New Paltz campus works closely with the UNA-USA Mid-Hudson Valley Association. The President of the Chapter (May 2014-2017), Ilgu Ozler, is a Professor of International Relations and Political Science as well as the Director of the Global Engagement Program. There have been several events organized in collaboration with UNA-USA and SUNY New Paltz.

In October 2016, an event celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations, was held at the SUNY Global Center in New York City. This event was coordinated by the GEP and the UNA-USA Southern division. The main topics addressed at this event were human rights and the refugee crisis.

In April 2017, Brian Bogart, External Relations Advisor on Governance and Sustainable Development in the New York Office of the United Nations World Food Programme, gave a talk titled "Reaching Zero Hunger by 2030".

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Another event in April 2017 was the Mohonk Consultations Forum: Working Across Difference: Meeting Refugees in Crisis. This event held at the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, included a discussion from Associate Professor Ilgu Ozler about the refugee crisis and the UN SDG's. Ten SUNY New Paltz students attended this event and participated in roundtable sessions.

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