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In August 2020, the SUNY Board of Trustees appointed Jim Malatras as SUNY Chancellor, without a national search, against the objections of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges.

A recent release of documents from the *New York Attorney General's Independent Investigation Into Sexual Harassment Allegations Against Former Governor Cuomo*, has revealed disturbing text messages written by Chancellor Malatras less than two months before Malatras became the President of SUNY Empire State College. Instead of following workplace harassment reporting protocols, Malatras, along with other top aides of Governor Cuomo fostered a toxic work environment by participating in a scheme to disparage a colleague's reputation in order to undermine her credibility.

Clearly, this behavior is unbecoming of a Chancellor of the State University of New York. As such, and in order to stave off further embarrassment and damage to the reputation of the State University of New York, the Faculty Council of Community Colleges calls on the SUNY Board of Trustees to request the immediate resignation of Chancellor Malatras, appoint a temporary officer-in-charge, and conduct a national search for a Chancellor with the professional and academic gravitas befitting a Chancellor of the State University of New York system.