

Student, Staff and Community Petition in Support of Faculty Concerning University Place Promenade

May 31, 2016

On May 6, 2016, faculty released [a petition](#) concerning the university place promenade that gathered 108 signatures. Since then, concerns about the promenade from the faculty and Syracuse Common Council have been covered in [Inside Higher Ed](#), the [Syracuse Post Standard](#), and [The Daily Orange](#).

Syverud's [response](#)? "...get over it. We're not all perfect."

We the undersigned members of the Syracuse community and SU student body and staff are greatly concerned about the proposed conversion of University Place into a "Promenade" and the relocation of all bus and other vehicular traffic to Waverly Avenue.

We are concerned that for a third summer in a row major decisions are being made without student, staff, and faculty input to the detriment of us all. Kent Syverud's first summer as Chancellor included unilaterally [closing the Advocacy Center](#) and [terminating POSSE scholarship contracts](#). Summer two included [switching TA healthcare without discussion or consultation](#) and [pressuring 254 staff to retire](#). With the apparent money saved, summer three of Chancellor Syverud is leading off with a \$6 million dollar beautification project.

We are concerned at the lack of discussion and transparency in the decision-making process that has led to this drastic remaking of two streets that are the main thoroughfares of Syracuse University on either side of several buildings, including the Newhouse School, Schine Student Center and Bird Library.

We are concerned that no broad input was gathered from faculty or staff, and student input was gathered in a hasty and methodologically unsound manner, at the end of the semester when students are distracted by a thousand other demands.

We are concerned about the cost of this effort, given the many other more important demands on the university's budget, and that precious resources (some garnered through the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program for staff) are being spent on aesthetics with no discernable academic purpose.

We are concerned that the Promenade with its concrete furniture with embedded LED lights and heated sidewalks will perhaps not enhance the student experience, and will in fact only be used sparingly as a Promenade throughout much of the year, given Central New York weather conditions.

We are concerned that Waverly (already narrowed down to accommodate parking and a bike lane) will be choked further with the extra traffic of approximately 250 Centro buses a day, and will become even more dangerous to walkers, bike riders, and people with disabilities, as well as a source of frustration to all those drivers who seek to navigate it.

We are concerned about accessibility issues for people in wheelchairs, on crutches, and otherwise impaired who will be forced to get off buses on Waverly, and then traverse the steep University Avenue slope to access main campus buildings.

We are concerned about the impediments to entrance and exit from Newhouse School buildings, Schine and Bird Library that will result temporarily from the construction of the Promenade, and permanently from the changes to Waverly, and that the driveway to Quad 2 will have to be reconfigured unnecessarily.

We are concerned that the Waverly Avenue traffic bottlenecks will create a very difficult and unsafe environment for Newhouse students checking out production equipment for their academic classes from the “Cage” in the Newhouse 2 Lobby facing Waverly.

As a result, we request that this project be halted so that a full campus discussion of priorities and plans for the physical environment in this area can take pace, and reassessed only after the construction of the IVMF center and its impact on City roads and traffic is better known.

1. Ben Kuebrich, SU alum
2. Yanira Rodriguez, SU graduate student
3. Vani Kannan, SU graduate student
4. Brian Pickett, concerned Syracuse community member
5. Alexis Rinck, SU student
6. Mary Rose Go, Former SU Employee
7. Brett Keegan, SU graduate student
8. Michael Kelly, SU alum and community member
9. Christine Edgeworth, SU alum
10. Angelina Vargas, SU student
11. Kim Powell, SU alum '16
12. Becca Glaser, SU alum
13. Nidhi Vij
14. Nancy Keefe Rhodes
15. Laura Jaffee, SU graduate student
16. Tessa Brown, SU graduate student
17. Claire Bach, SU alum
18. Jason Luther, SU graduate student
19. Veronica Sanchez, SU Student
20. Anthony Rotolo '02 G'06, Fmr. Asst. Prof. and Dir. M.S. Communication, Newhouse

21. Gael Sweeney, PWI, The Writing Program
22. Jacob Higgins SU alum '15
23. Ashley Schultz, SU Alum '15
24. Natasha Arquer, SU Student
25. Daniel Cheifer, SU alum '15
26. Meaghan Scully, CAS - Conflict Resolution, Anticipated completion Spring '17
27. Jason Markins, SU Graduate student
28. Paulina Colon, SU Undergraduate Student
29. Matt Sheehan
30. Sylvia Montillo, SU student's
31. Nikeeta Slade, community member
32. Marian Cappelletti
33. Pam Walker
34. Keish Kim, SU Alum '16
35. Aiyana Hedeem-Garrett, SU alum
36. Loren Gutierrez, SU student
37. Bec Preston
38. Susan Millar
39. Brendan Welch, alum '1
40. Kate Siegfried, SU Graduate Student
41. Brian Escobar, Syracuse community member
42. Elijah Carter, SU alum
43. Ray Garzia, SU alum
44. Sean D. Henry-Smith
45. Reba Y. Hodge, SU graduate student
46. Taylyn Washington-Harmon, SU Alum '16
47. Talina Jones, SU Alum '16
48. Tim Dougherty, SU Alum
49. Jacob Bartholomew, SU graduate student
50. Brandi Williams, SU graduate student
51. Dorothy Kou, SU graduate student
52. Sarah Kearns
53. Madeleine Slade, SU alum '16
54. Sara Miller, SU alum '16 and SU graduate student
55. Anastasia Selby, SU Alum '15 and SU graduate student
56. Meaghan Greeley, SU Graduate Student
57. Vincent Portillo SU graduate student
58. Kathryn Navickas, SU '16 graduate student/alum
59. Ezekiel Choffel SU Graduate Student
60. Ivy Kleinbart, PWI, Writing Program
61. Maria Junttila Carson, SU graduate student
62. Bradley Hanford, SU student
63. Estephany Hinojosa, SU Student

64. Stacey Wright, PWI, The Writing Program
65. Elizabeth Sedore, SU Student
66. Layla M. Dehaiman, SU Graduate Student
67. Jordan West
68. Frances Huang, SU alum
69. Ellen Fallon, PWI, The Writing Program
70. Kyle Kuchta, SU Alum '13
71. Elizabeth E. Metcalf, M.S.W., SU Doctoral Candidate
72. Ioana Georgeta Turcan, SU Graduate Student/TA
73. Mali Golomb-Leeavitt, SU alum
74. Emily Brosnan, SU graduate student
75. Henry Zuranski, SU alum '95
76. Jon Erickson, SU graduate student
77. Farrell Brenner, SU student
78. Darriea Clark, SU student
79. Lottie Oestrich, SU Student
80. Courtney Aucone, SU Alum
81. Mikayla Lehman, SU student
82. Telsha L. Curry, SU graduate student
83. Kennedy La Nier, SU student
84. Brittany Belo, SU student-athlete
85. Lyla Rose, SU student
86. Andra Brown, SU student
87. Imani Chandler, SU student
88. Alexandra-Marie Figueroa Miranda, SU Alumn '15
89. Nyesherr Serrant, SU Student
90. Lesley Kevin Pfeifer, SU Student
91. Ciara Lalo, SU Student
92. Kelsey Olivia Fowler, SU Student
93. Eunice Pak, SU Student
94. Vincent Mazzaro SU Student
95. Carly Port SU Student
96. Jesse Grossman
97. Deanna Polanco SU undergrad
98. Mary Roselle, SU Student
99. Emily Luther, SU Faculty, Writing Program
100. Carolyn Saxton, SU Student
101. Alexis Watson, SU Student
102. Alex Rosenbaum, SU Student
103. Chazz Inniss, SU Student
104. Maeve Cortese, SU Student
105. Marnie Landau, SU Student
106. Olivia Wayne, SU Student

107. Emily Kadish SU student
108. Kiersten Weiss, SU Student
109. Olivia Oskwarek, SU Student
110. Chris Sechelr, SU Student
111. Catherine Anderson, SU Student
112. Vanessa Rojas-Castillo, SU Student
113. Lee Musho, SU Student
114. Briana Dorley, SU Student
115. Ryan Bolton, SU Student
116. Cathryn Cavanaugh, SU Student
117. Madeleine S Lyon, SU Student
118. Madeline Hofmaier, SU Student
119. Samuel Serfaty, SU Student
120. Hanna Horvath, SU Student
121. Winsome McIntosh, SU Grad Student
122. Malea Lamb-Hall, SU student
123. Tatiana Ensslin, SU Student
124. Seth Davis, SU graduate Student
125. Supreet Kaur, SU Alum
126. Karim Conway, SU Alum
127. Michael Barsalona, SU student
128. Jessica Reuveni, SU Alum '16
129. Samantha Crawford, SU Alum
130. Jordan Kradjian, SU student
131. Sarah Kelly, SU Alum '16
132. Samantha Aberizk, SU student
133. Katrina Aberizk, SU Alum '15
134. Peetak Mitra, SU graduate student
135. Jasmine Johnson, SU Alum '16
136. Emily Kenney, SU student
137. Marquise Francis, SU Alum '13
138. Samantha Netzband, SU Alum '15 SU Law Student
139. Catherine Quinn Leary, SU Student
140. Lynne Pearson, SU Alum '16
141. Natalie Wiesnet, SU alumna '15
142. Juliette Crellin, SU alum '15 and community member
143. Charisse Hughes, SU student
144. Helena Elston, SU Student
145. Myelle Lansat, SU Student
146. Kayla Westmoreland, SU Alum '15
147. Gabrielle Veira, SU Student
148. Cara Zito, SU Student
149. Meghan Morris, Student

150. Ariana Sahinovic, SU Student
151. Kelly Krohl, SU Alum
152. Emily Norman, SU Student
153. Mackenzie O'Dell, SU Student
154. Andrew Greer, SU Student
155. Aarti Shenoy, SU graduate student
156. ShaVonne Higgins, SU student
157. Fiona Lenz, SU student
158. Jarred Kraszewski, SU student
159. Colleen Pilcher, SU Graduate Student
160. Sharmeen Somani, SU Student
161. Saedah Ham, SU Alum '16
162. Nancy Cleveland, SU Alum '12
163. Kamalishe Hiraldo, SU student
164. Mari Caminiti, SU student
165. Luke Giordano, SU student
166. Joshua Race, SU Student
167. Da'sha Prescott-Moore, SU Student
168. Anissa Vasquez, SU student
169. Daisia Glover, SU student
170. Lie'chelle Robinson Hernandez, SU Student
171. Julian Nelums, SU student
172. Johnna Yazgan, SU Student
173. Oriane Playner, SU student
174. Nina Hilmarsdottir-Puetzer, SU student
175. Maureen Puetzer, SU retiree
176. Linsey House, SU Alum'16
177. Jianqi Chen, CAS '17
178. Amanda Dominguez, SU Student
179. Shibajyoti Das, SU Grad student
180. David Moss, SU Grad student
181. Lucy Dybisz, SU Student
182. Zach Gipson, SU Alum '16
183. Jenna Landsman, SU Student
184. Ibi Lagundoye, SU Student
185. Lameess Mehanna, SU Alum '16
186. Kait Simon, SU Alum '14
187. Olivia McVoy, SU Alum '16
188. Cora Cool-Mihalyi, SU Student
189. Scarlett Rebman, SU Graduate Student
190. Jennith Lucas, SU student
191. Melinda Stoffel, SU staff
192. Lorena Kanzki, SU student

193. Meredith Madden, SU staff
194. Dylan Beckerman, SU Student
195. Mitul Baruah, SU Graduate Student
196. Shiladitya Banerjee, SU Alum '13
197. Austin Cheng, SU Student
198. Tina Catania, SU Graduate Student
199. Matt Reilly, SU Alum
200. Alex Frank, SU Student
201. Emily Mitchell-Eaton, SU Graduate Student
202. Danny Yarnall, SU Student
203. Virgie Townsend, SU Alum
204. Samantha Gallagher, SU Student
205. Sophia Bravo, SU Student
206. Benjamin Tomimatsu, SU Student
207. Ginger Bohnen, SU Student
208. Kiki Reda, SU Student
209. Stephanie Long, SU Student
210. Lynn Chui, SU Student
211. Haley MacDougall, ESF Student
212. Megan Rose Gruver, SU Student
213. Olivia Taylor
214. Brian Klevit, SU Student
215. Sarina Shrinko, SU Student
216. Will Kievit, SU Alum '09, current Graduate Student
217. Jessica Petitto, SU Staff
218. Leilah Molina, SU Student
219. Madeline Marie, SU Alum
220. Laura Villers, SU Graduate Student
221. Albert Rintrona III, SU Alum
222. Morgan Cavalcanto, SU Alum
223. Vincent Fang, SU Alum '13
224. Sydnee Corriders, Syracuse resident and SU Alum '14
225. Alé Aviña, SU Alum '15
226. Henry Nelson SU Student
227. A. Wendy Nastasi, doctoral candidate School of Education
228. Kimberly R. Williams SU Alum
229. Dylan Rollo, SU Graduate Student
230. Carolina Arango-Vargas, SU Graduate Student
231. Jesse Harasta, SU Alum
232. Ellen Torres, SU student
233. Saptarshi Lahiri, ESF alum and community member
234. Emily Chalon, SU Student
235. Olivia Monko, SU Student

236. Giselle Winchester, MA '12
237. Courtney Garvin, SU Alum
238. Dhany Tjiptarto, SU Alum
239. Karriann Soto, SU Graduate Student
240. Glody Omasombo SU 18
241. Erin Carhart, SU Alum BA 2014
242. Saraounia Mboka-Boyer SU '16
243. Taveeshi Singh, SU Graduate Student
244. Carlo E. Sica, SU Graduate Student
245. Parvathy Binoy, SU Graduate Student
246. Brian Hennigan, SU Graduate Student

This online petition is now closed, and is being delivered to Chancellor Syverud.