

EMPIRE STATE ASSOCIATION OF TWO YEAR COLLEGE BIOLOGISTS

Position Statement on the Unscientific and Anti-scientific Philosophies and Practices of Alternative Medicine

The Empire State Association of Two Year College Biologists strongly disapproves of the association of academic biology departments at two-year colleges with unscientific and anti-scientific philosophies and practices. These are common among Chiropractic, Naturopathy, Homeopathy and many other practices known as “complementary and alternative medicine.” Such affiliations are likely to undercut scientific and critical thinking in the curriculum and hinder colleges trying to maintain high standards in science education. Additionally, such associations serve to legitimize unscientific and anti-scientific philosophies and practices and weaken the public’s understanding of science at a time when a full appreciation of the scientific method is sorely needed.

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