

**Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: October 17, 2016 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, Legislative Chambers
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Mary Wawro
RECORDER: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community College
PRESENT: Legislators Donaldson, Schwartz Berky, Delaune, Lopez, and Kenneth Ronk Jr., Chairman, Ulster County Legislature
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Lydia Reidy- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, W. John Dunn- Ulster County Community College, Chris Nguyen- Vice President for Administrative Services, Ulster County Community College, Ken Crannell- Deputy County Executive, Teresa Brundage- Aide to Legislator Lopez, Robert Fisher- Ulster County Attorney, Dr. Robert Beyer- Psychologist, Kristin Gumaer- Ulster County Attorney, Kenneth Ronk Jr., Chairman, Ulster County Legislature

Chairman Wawro called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2016, meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Delaune, Lopez, Schwartz Berky, and Chairman Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Chairman Wawro asked SUNY Ulster Vice President for Administrative Services Chris Nguyen and W. John Dunn to address the committee. John Dunn stated that the College has two resolutions on the agenda (Resolution No. 439 & Resolution No. 441). When the capital program was submitted to the County, the County recognized the need to move up these two projects (water tank replacement and window replacement). John Dunn explained that the design for the windows will take place over the winter and the installation will happen during the spring and summer. John Dunn explained that the water tank will be needed once the College taps into the city water supply. John Dunn added that the County worked these projects with the College. John Dunn also shared

budget information. As of August 31, 2016, the fund balance should be increased by \$ 150,000.00, ending the fiscal year with a fund balance over \$700,000.00. John Dunn added that the State recommends five percent of the budget in the fund balance. John Dunn stated that after tomorrow's Board meeting the fund balance number should improve. Vice President for Administrative Services Chris Nguyen reported on behalf of the President. Vice President Nguyen distributed an informational packet. Vice President Nguyen reported that President Roberts is still trying to coordinate a meeting for a comprehensive update for the entire legislature. There was a brief discussion regarding possible dates for this meeting. There will be a public hearing in Accord on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. It was suggested that the President present then.

Chairman Wawro asked Lee Reidy, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCEUC) to address the committee. Executive Director Reidy reported that apple tourism is huge and that we are in the middle of the harvest. Executive Director Reidy reported that they are working with local economies on another three-year grant with the Ag program. Executive Director Reidy reported that producing hard cider and spirits has really taken off; ten years ago there were none, and now there are about ten or twelve. Executive Director Reidy reported that CCEUC just received a \$400,000.00 grant from the Office of Children and Family Services to expand the kinship care (Relatives as Parents Program). Executive Director Reidy reported that CCEUC is trying to establish a site in Ellenville. Executive Director Reidy stated that the budget has been submitted and that CCEUC will be asking for \$350,000.00, which in turn will be used to leverage additional funds. Executive Director Reidy added that the budget for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County will come in at close to \$5,000,000.00 for 2017. Executive Director Reidy added that a grant with New York City DEP provides funding for the Ulster County Planner. This grant provides about \$350,000.00 to hire staff working in the watershed. There was a brief discussion in regards to the drought. The City of Kingston is discussing conservation ideas. Executive Director Reidy added that at this point in the year, we are about twenty inches short, adding that Ulster County isn't as bad as the rest of New York.

Resolution for the October 17, 2016, Session of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee

Resolution No. 439: Amending The 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program- Establishing Capital Project No. 485 Water Storage Tank Replacement – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program- Establishing Capital Project No. 485 Water Storage Tank Replacement- SUNY Ulster

Motion No. 2 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 439**
Motion By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Chairman of the Legislature Kenneth Ronk

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Schwartz Berky, Donaldson, Delaune, and Chairman Wawro

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 441: Amending The 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program- Establishing Capital Project No. 486 Window Replacement Project – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Program- Establishing Capital Project No. 486 Window Replacement Project- SUNY Ulster

Motion No. 3 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 441**

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Schwartz Berky, Donaldson, Delaune, and Chairman Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 424: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2016 (A Local Law Prohibiting Cyber-Bullying In Ulster County) To Be Held On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 6:25 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing for Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 6:25 PM to allow public comment on Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2016.

Motion No. 4 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 424**

Motion By: Legislator Schwartz Berky

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

Bob Fisher, Assistant County Attorney (Family Court) and Kristin Gumaer, Assistant County Attorney (Family Court) presented the proposal for a law prohibiting cyber-bullying in Ulster County. Legislator Donaldson questioned why this resolution was coming to the committee. It was explained that it will be presented to other committees as well. Dr. Robert Beyer, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist distributed a memo to the committee regarding the Benefits of Anti-Cyberbullying Legislation. Kristin Gumaer reported that they have worked with Chairman of the Legislature Kenneth Ronk and Ms. Guerin. Legislator Donaldson expressed his concern for the

youth to have a record. Bob Fisher explained the consequences of being charged with cyberbullying. Probation will be the first outcome. Legislators Donaldson and Schwartz Berky expressed the need for education. Legislator Donaldson again expressed his concern about creating a record for these kids. He expressed his desire for intervention instead. It was explained that an education program could be a term of their probation. Chairman of the Legislature Kenneth Ronk asked Bob Fisher and Kristin Gumaer to share some real life examples. Legislator Delaune asked if the proposed legislation has been vetted through the ACLU. Bob Fisher stated that it had not. Kristin Gumaer added that the language was narrowed to fit the US Supreme Court. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked how bullies are addressed in terms of their own circumstances. Legislator Lopez asked if laws like this have been passed elsewhere and how successful they were. Bob Fisher stated that they had, and if Ulster County passes this law, it will be the sixth county, adding that Ulster County would be the most rural. There was a brief discussion about DASA. The problems with DASA are that adults can be a part of cyberbullying and DASA can't touch the adult, the students are off for the summer, and cyberbullying can transcend school districts. Legislator Donaldson expressed his concern over the youth having a record. Legislator Donaldson also pointed out how easy it is for kids to get involved in this. Chairman of the Legislature Kenneth Ronk pointed out that Family Court dealings are done in the best interest of the child (both the victim and the perpetrator). Chairman of the Legislature Kenneth Ronk also shared his own personal account of being bullied as a kid. Chairman of the Legislature Kenneth Ronk pointed out that bullies used to have to bully you to your face, but now with today's technology they can bully you from one thousand miles away. Chairman of the Legislature Kenneth Ronk expressed how important this law is to him, and stated that he does not want the internet to be a tool of hate. Legislator Schwartz Berky questioned the use of cell phones at school as many schools have a policy. Legislator Schwartz Berky questioned why these policies are not being enforced, or why the schools are violating their own rules. Chairman Wawro pointed out that with violence occurring in schools parents want to be able to reach their children. Legislator Donaldson added that with all the rules, sometimes you need pick your battles. Chairman of the Legislature Kenneth Ronk added that these prohibitions are used as behavior changers. Chairman Wawro called for a vote.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Schwartz Berky, Donaldson, Delaune, and Chairman Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 443: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Application With Required Assurances For The Medicare Improvements For Patients And Providers Act (MIPPA) With The New York State Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This resolution will authorize the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute a grant application with required assurances for the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) with the New York State Office For The Aging.

Motion No. 5 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 443**

Motion By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, Schwartz Berky, Donaldson, Delaune, and Chairman Wawro

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Chairman Wawro asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:36 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community College
Minutes Approved: November 14, 2016