

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

DATE & TIME: July 12, 2016 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: COB, 6th Floor, Legislative Chairman’s Office
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Mary Wawro
RECORDER: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community College
PRESENT: Legislators Donaldson, Schwartz Berky, Delaune, and Lopez (arrived at 5:35 PM)
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Lydia Reidy- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Alan Roberts- President, Ulster County Community College, W. John Dunn- Vice President for Administrative Services, Ulster County Community College.

Chairman Wawro called the meeting to order at 5:12 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the Joint Legislative Programs and Ways & Means Meeting June 13, 2016**

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Delaune, Schwartz Berky, and Chairman Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Motion No. 2: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2016, meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Delaune, Schwartz Berky, and Chairman Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Chairman Wawro advised the members and those in attendance that she would be entertaining Public Comment Prior to the Resolutions on the agenda. She asked if anyone in attendance wish to address the members. President Roberts and W. John Dunn Vice President for Administrative Services (Ulster County Community College) addressed the committee. President Roberts stated that he is finishing up his first year as President of Ulster County Community College. President Roberts shared that summer enrollment is up (20 FTEs over budget), which would help offset the expected deficit. President Roberts added that the College would be ending its fiscal year with a strong fund balance (\$558,266.00). W. John Dunn, Vice President for Administrative Services, added that the College will be upgrading technology. President Roberts added that the County has been very supportive of the College's capital projects. President Roberts explained the old process of approving capital projects and added that it was done differently this year. The County members actually came to the campus and walked the entire campus to see what was being proposed. The County also suggested making window replacement a five-year project. President Roberts is hopeful that with the support of the County, that within three to four years the entire campus will receive a facelift. Vice President Dunn discussed changes in the enrollment process. He explained that students were not immediately deregistered for non-payment and that attendance is also considered in the process. Obstacles such as pre-requisites, co-requisites, and transcripts have been eliminated for non-matriculated students for summer courses, making these courses more accessible. Also, a payment plan was added for the summer. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked about a new strategic plan. President Roberts stated that the plan has been tweaked and operationalized. Vice President Dunn discussed the Middle States visit. The College will be producing a Middle States Self-Study report, and a site visit will occur around mid-September. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked if the committee would be able to see these reports, it was confirmed that the committee would have access to both the Middle States report and the Strategic Plan. Vice President Dunn also discussed the resolution regarding the lease at the BRC. President Roberts reported that the College will have access to the Kingston High School at night. There was a brief discussion regarding the SBDC (Small Business Development Center).

Lee Reidy, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County also wished to address the committee. Lee Reidy stated that the CCE has been working mostly with small grains (used for craft beers). Lee Reidy reported that there is a lot of interest in small grains.

Lee Reidy reported that about a month and a half ago she received a call from the State Office of Children & Families, letting her know that funding is now available (\$100,000 per year) for the grant they applied for and did not receive, and asking her if Cornell Cooperative Extension would still be interested. Lee Reidy reported that she and her staff are scrambling to try and put the program together (Relatives as Parents- Kinship Care) as it will begin September 1, 2016. Lee Reidy explained that they are not regulatory in anyway, they are a safe haven as far as making connections with lawyers and educating the care takers on Social Services and benefits they might be entitled to. Legislator Donaldson asked Lee Reidy if they are considered mandated reporters and she stated that they are not mandated reporters. Lee Reidy followed up by stating that they would call CPS if they felt the need. There was a brief discussion about CASA. The funding for the Relatives as Parents Program will allow for more education to both the adults and the children. Lee Reidy explained

what a hard population this group is to reach. Lee Reidy stated that it is easier to get them to come when they are handing out free stuff, but it had proved quite difficult to get them to come for educational programs. The grant will allow for more incentives. Lee Reidy stated that relatives as caregivers are an under-reported problem. Chairman Wawro added that many times the arrangement is informal and they don't want anyone to know. Lee Reidy added that Cornell Cooperative is supplying education, respite, and parenting support.

Legislator Schwartz Berky added that her district has every unit of public housing and that the issues Lee Reidy was discussing affect her district. Legislator Schwartz Berky added that these issues also affect many students at George Washington Elementary School. Lee Reidy added that most of the families they are working with come from either Kingston or Ellenville. Currently, CCE is working with about 60 families. Lee Reidy added that they are not constant and many "cherry pick". Legislator Schwartz Berky asked how many additional families will be helped with the new funding. Lee Reidy was not sure of the answer at this time. Lee Reidy added that it is difficult to keep people for educational programs; she gave the example of nutrition and SNAP education. They are teaching basic cooking skills, finance, etc. Lee Reidy found that group events are a better way of increasing attendance, especially if you can go to where they are, as childcare and transportation are always issues. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked Lee Reidy about being able to contact Jamal for a RUPCO Impact Study.

Lee Reidy added that the 4-H program is getting ready for the Ulster County Fair (Tuesday, August 2nd - Sunday, August 7th). Lee Reidy added that the kids are preparing for the Youth Building; also the Master Gardeners will be at the fair as well. Lee Reidy added that the 4-H program is growing it is bigger than it has been in past 10-15 years. 4-H is the toughest program to fund. Lee Reidy added that while the fundraiser for this program, many of the County dollars go towards funding 4-H.

Resolutions for the July 12, 2016, Session of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee

Resolution No. 335: Establishing Capital Project No. 481 Technology Facility Upgrades- SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 481 Technology Facility Upgrades –SUNY Ulster.

Motion No. 3: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 335

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 337: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With SUNY Ulster- For Office and Classroom Space at the Business Resource Center- Department of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to enter into a lease agreement with SUNY Ulster for office and classroom space.

Motion No. 4: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 337

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Schwartz Berky

Discussion:

Legislator Donaldson questioned the new amount being less than before. W. John Dunn, Vice President for Administrative Services, pointed out that the square footage being leased has decreased, so the rent should be less as well. There was a brief discussion regarding the SBDC, and that most of the space at the BRC is for this purpose. The College is looking into alternate locations for the SBDC.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 333: Amending the 2016 Ulster County Budget to Include Additional Funding From The New York State Office For The Aging- Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the Ulster County Budget to include additional funding for Office For The Aging

Motion No. 5: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 333

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Schwartz Berky

Discussion:

Legislator Schwartz Berky asked that in the future the committee be supplied with information to accompany a resolution, be it a link, budget, report, etc. Legislator Donaldson agreed that the

background information should be supplied, as this has been discussed in previous meetings. Legislator Schwartz Berky added that the committee members should not have to ask for the information.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Delaune, Schwartz Berky, and Chairman Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 334: Approving The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services 2016 Resource Allocation Plan, Amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget- Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This resolution is to approve The New York State Office of Children And Family Services 2016 Resource Allocation Plan amending The 2016 Ulster County Budget for the Youth Bureau

Motion No. 6: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 334
Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Delaune, Schwartz Berky, and Chairman Wawro
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:45 PM

Respectfully submitted: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, SUNY Ulster
Minutes Approved: August 9, 2016