

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

DATE & TIME: August 7, 2017 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: SUNY Ulster, Howard C. St. John Business Seminar Room, Clinton Hall
PRESIDING OFFICER: Deputy Chairman David Donaldson
RECORDER: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community College
PRESENT: Legislators Schwartz Berky, Lopez, Delaune, and Donaldson
ABSENT: Chairman Mary Wawro
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Alan Roberts- President, Ulster County Community College, Chris Nguyen- Vice President for Administrative Services, Ulster County Community College, Teresa Brundage, Aid to Legislator Lopez

In Chairman Mary Wawro’s absence Deputy Chairman David Donaldson called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the July 10, 2017, meeting

Motion By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
None

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Motion No. 2: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2017, meeting

Motion By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
None

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

Donaldson

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Deputy Chairman Donaldson asked Dr. Alan Roberts President of SUNY Ulster and Chris Nguyen Vice President for Administrative Services to address the committee. President Roberts reported that enrollment is “solid”. President Roberts added that applications are up 16%. President Roberts attributed the increase in applications to the marketing of the Adult EDge program. President Roberts shared that SUNY Ulster received money from SUNY to assist in the marketing campaign for the BSN program. Deputy Chairman Donaldson asked President Roberts what the College has seen in regards to tuition free college. President Roberts stated that most students are not affected as they receive TAP or Pell.

President Roberts reported that the Pfeiffer Technology and Innovation Lab will be completed by August 22, 2017. Vice President Nguyen added that the construction should be completed by August 15, 2017, but then time is needed to install the computers and move the furniture in. Classes begin Monday, August 28, 2017. Vice President Nguyen reported that there have been complications due to the amount of asbestos, and the need to remedy it.

Resolution for the August 7, 2017, Session of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee

Resolution No. 318: Approving the Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County- Ulster County Community College- Department of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in excess of \$50,000.00 entered into by the County- Ulster County Community College- Department of Social Services

Motion No. 3 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 318**
Motion By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

Deputy Chairman Donaldson asked about the RISE Program. President Roberts stated that last year the program only serviced three students. President Roberts stated that the College has worked with Social Services to reconfigure the position. The program will now service displaced students on welfare and disadvantaged youth (high school juniors and seniors). President Roberts stated that this will make for a much better process. Legislator Lopez asked if President Roberts knew what “certain public assistance benefits” meant. President Roberts stated that this refers to mothers on welfare and students receiving free lunch. A brief discussion ensued regarding the previous

commitment of Social Services. Deputy Chairman Donaldson stated that the goal of the program was to educate single mothers on welfare and transition them off welfare. Deputy Chairman Donaldson added that three months is not enough time to transition these women. President Roberts added that it is at least a two year commitment. President Roberts stated that Social Services was not referring their clients to this program. Deputy Chairman Donaldson asked if the program would now be “long term”. President Roberts stated that the College will now be recruiting their own students and not depending on agency referrals. Deputy Chairman Donaldson asked what benefit this new process will have for the College. President Roberts stated that the benefit would be enrollment.

Legislator Schwartz Berky asked if there were more statistics available. President Roberts stated that he does not believe that there is anyone else in the area trying this. Legislator Schwartz Berky referenced a program Bard runs in conjunction with the Kingston Library. Students in the program receive six college credits from Bard. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that maybe those students could bring their six credits into the College and apply them towards an Associate’s degree. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that she would put President Roberts in contact with Margie Menard (Director of the Kingston Library). President Roberts stated that he visited the Kingston Library last year and discussed this with Margie Menard. President Roberts added that the Kingston Center of SUNY Ulster may be convenient for students already in the Bard program.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 324: Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

Resolution Summary: This resolution confirms the appointment of a member to the Ulster County Youth Board

Motion No. 4 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 324**

Motion By: Legislator Lopez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

Deputy Chairman Donaldson stated that the candidate (Annmarie Appa) is clearly qualified.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Deputy Chairman Donaldson briefly discussed the UCAT bus advertisement. Deputy Chairman Donaldson referenced the Ellenville High School and the drug abuse advertisement. Deputy Chairman Donaldson would like to see the County reach out to area high schools and the College for student created advertisements. The students would submit their work and compete to have their advertisements displayed on the UCAT buses.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Schwartz Berky
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community College

Minutes Approved: October 17, 2017