

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

**DATE & TIME:** February 4, 2020 – 5:15pm  
**LOCATION:** Ulster County Office Building / Karen Binder Library  
244 Fair Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kinston, New York 12401  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman James Delaune  
**RECORDER:** Jerry Sheehan, Assistant to Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs &  
Enrollment Management, SUNY Ulster  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Criswell, Parete, Wawro  
**ABSENT:** Deputy Chair Corcoran, Legislator Donaldson  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive  
Dr. Alan Roberts, President, SUNY Ulster  
Jamie Capuano, Vice President for Administrative Services,  
SUNY Ulster  
Jared Buono, Ph.D. Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative  
Extension for Ulster County  
Brian Cahill

Chairman Delaune called the meeting to order at 5:20pm

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**Resolutions for February 4, 2020 Session:**

**Resolution No. 27** – Approving the Execution of a Work Order with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) Related to Capital Project No. 486 – Window Replacement Project – Amending Capital Project No. 486 – Window Replacement Project for Jacob Hardenberg Hall – Amending the Capital Fund Budget – SUNY Ulster

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution pertains to the replacement of windows in the building known as Jacob Hardenberg Hall on the Stone Ridge campus of SUNY Ulster.

**Discussion:**

Jamie Capuano, Vice President for Administrative Service at SUNY Ulster, described the proposed window replacement project for the building known as Jacob Hardenberg Hall on the Stone Ridge campus of SUNY Ulster to bring windows up to code.

**Motion By:** Legislator Wawro  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Parete, Wawro

**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

**Motion No. 1**                      **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 27**

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New Business

- Update from Dr. Alan Roberts, President, SUNY Ulster

SUNY Ulster President, Dr. Alan Roberts, updated the legislators regarding student enrollment at SUNY Ulster. President Roberts reported that community colleges in New York State averaged a loss of 23% in enrollment over the past 10 years. President Roberts was proud to report that SUNY Ulster was listed as the second lowest of all New York community colleges in terms of enrollment loss at 4% over the past 10 years. President Roberts further reported that if one were to look at the past 5 years, SUNY Ulster has gained 10% in enrollment. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider thanked President Roberts for his leadership of the college, which he believes contributed to the successful enrollment numbers at the college. President Roberts discussed two programs which he believes will continue to contribute to SUNY Ulster's enrollment success: PTECH and New Start for Women. President Roberts thanked the legislators for their support of the college.

President Roberts departs 5:30pm

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**Motion No 2:**                      Moved to Approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2019 Meeting

**Motion By:**                      Chairman Delaune  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:**                      None

**Voting in Favor:**                Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Parete, Wawro  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                4  
**Votes Against:**                0  
**Disposition:**                    Minutes Approved

**Motion No. 2**                      **Moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 9, 2019**

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New Business (cont'd)

- Report from Jared Buono, Ph.D., Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension

Dr. Buono explained that the Cornell Cooperative Extension brings the latest evidence based research from Cornell University to Ulster County. Dr. Buono thanked the county for its support and described some of its 2020 programs in Ulster County. The beginning farmer program starting next week is designed to prepare beginning farmers and landowners to launch and or improve their agricultural business and to assist family farmers with succession planning. It was developed to help beginning farmers, small acreage farmers and landowners to understand the various legal issues, financial tools, and best practices when farming in New York State. The Ulster County 4-H program is very successful and includes the Agricultural Literacy reading program, which reached 1400 students in all of the Ulster County school districts. Dr. Buono encouraged legislators to volunteer an hour to participate in reading to students about New York's agricultural history.

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Old Business - None

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

**Adjournment**

**Motion By:** Legislator Parete  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell  
  
**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Delaune, Criswell, Parete, Wawro  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 4  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Motion approved

**Motion No. 3**                      **Moved to Adjourn**

Adjourned: 5:40pm

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Sheehan, Assistant to VP for Academic Affairs & VP for Enrollment Management, SUNY Ulster

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