

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

DATE & TIME: April 9, 2018 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman David Donaldson
RECORDER: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, SUNY Ulster
PRESENT: Legislators Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Wawro, and Woltman
ABSENT: Legislator Eckert
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dr. Alan Roberts, President-SUNY Ulster, Jared Buono, Executive Director- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Maria Cecilia Deferrari- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Christian Malsatzki- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Leslie Zucker- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Matt Helffrich- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County

Chairman Donaldson called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2018, meeting

Motion By: Legislator Woltman

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Wawro, and Woltman

Voting Against: 0

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes approved

Motion No. 2: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2018, meeting

Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator James Delaune

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Wawro, and Woltman

Voting Against: 0

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes approved

Chairman Donaldson asked President Roberts, SUNY Ulster to address the committee. President Roberts gave a brief overview of enrollment. President Roberts reported that SUNY

Ulster is not anticipating increasing its tuition for Fall 2018. President Roberts noted that Dutchess and Orange are both increasing their tuition. President Roberts reported that the 2018-2019 draft budget is complete and will go to the Board of Trustees in May for final approval, and then it will be presented to the County in June.

Chairman Donaldson inquired about the men's basketball team's status. President Roberts stated that they were defeated in the first round, but finished 16th in the country out of 200+ schools at our level. The team will be recognized by the County Legislature later this month.

Chairman Donaldson thanked President Roberts for coming, even though the College had nothing to be approved. President Roberts thanked Chairman Donaldson and thanked the committee for their time.

Resolutions for the April 17, 2018, Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 123 – 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. 3 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 123**

Motion By: Legislator Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Wawro, and Woltman

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Chairman Donaldson asked Executive Director Jared Buono, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County to address the committee. Executive Director Buono began by thanking everyone for coming. Executive Director Buono briefly discussed Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County and their programming. The four main programs are: Agriculture, 4H & Youth Development, Environment, and Healthy Communities. Executive Director Buono thanked the committee for the appropriation, as it is their core funding.

Chairman Donaldson asked everyone to introduce themselves. Introductions began with Leslie Zucker (Environment Issues Leader), Matt Hilffrech (4H Educator), Christian Malsatzki (Ag

Program Leader), Melinda Herzog (Healthy Communities), and ended with Maria Cecilia-Deferrari (RAP Program).

Matt Hilffrech briefly explained about the STEM mentoring programs he is currently running at Miller Middle School and Ellenville Middle School. Matt Hilffrech explained that some groups raise goats and others build robots, the goal is positive youth development. Legislator Collins asked how 4H went from farms to robotics. Matt Hilffrech stated that they want to reach kids in whatever areas they are interested in. Matt Hilffrech stated that Cornell University provides them with many resources. Legislator Haynes pointed out the prevalence of robotics in farming.

Christian Malsatzki briefly discussed Urban Agriculture. Christian Malsatzki stated that urban ag is coming, but has not really reached Ulster County yet, adding that there is one person in Kingston operating under the YMCA's umbrella. Christian Malsatzki believes within the next one to two years urban ag will have reached Ulster County. A brief discussion ensued regarding urban ag and soil testing.

Melinda Herzog briefly discussed Healthy Communities and its programming (nutrition, parenting, and healthy communities education). Melinda Herzog briefly explained the Healthy Commission and what they are responsible for. Melinda Herzog added that they work closely with the Health Department. Melinda pointed out that all these programs are totally grant funded. Chairman Donaldson asked where these grants come from. It was stated that many of the grants come from places like: New York State Office of Children and Family Services, The United Way, Family Nutrition Education Program (Farm Bill), The Dyson Foundation, and the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

Maria Cecilia-Deferrari briefly discussed the RAP (Relatives As Parents) program and the Sober Parenting Journey. Chairman Donaldson asked the relative make-up in the RAP program. Maria Cecilia-Deferrari stated that about ninety percent of the relatives are grandparents. The program has been around locally for about nine years. Maria Cecilia-Deferrari added that there is a teen group that is responsible for the community garden outside Ulster County Family Court, and added that they are currently working on a portable mural. The purpose of RAP is to promote bonding in the family and to educate the caregivers. Chairman Donaldson asked how many participants are in the program. Maria Cecilia-Deferrari stated that there are twenty families who attend regularly but there are about eighty on the mailing list. Deputy Chair Haynes inquired about the Sober Parenting Journey and if/how the participants are being referred. Maria Cecilia-Deferrari stated that many are being referred by Family Court and DSS, but added that the program can also be voluntary. Maria Cecilia-Deferrari reported that ten participants is the max in the Sober Parenting Journey, and that they will be offering another class in the fall.

Legislator Delaune stated that Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County does a great job. Chairman Donaldson stated that Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is the best economic development program in the County.

New Business- None

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Delaune

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Collins

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, SUNY Ulster

Minutes Approved: May 7, 2018