

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

DATE & TIME: July 10, 2017 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: Howard C. St. John Business Seminar Room, Clinton Hall, SUNY
Ulster
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Mary Wawro
RECORDER: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community
College
PRESENT: Legislators Schwartz Berky, Lopez, and Chairman Wawro
ABSENT: Legislator Delaune and Deputy Chairman Donaldson
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Alan Roberts- President, Ulster County Community College, Lee
Reidy- Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Kenneth Crannell-
Deputy County Executive, Evelyn Clarke- Director, Ulster County Youth Bureau, Teresa
Brundage- Aide to Legislator Lopez

Chairman Wawro called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM and the pledge was recited.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2017, meeting

Motion By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Schwartz Berky

Discussion:
None

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

**Motion No. 2: Moved to Approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2017, JOINT meeting
with Ways & Means Committee**

Motion By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Schwartz Berky

Discussion:
None

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Chairman Wawro asked SUNY Ulster President Alan Roberts to address the committee. President Roberts reported that the capital projects have begun. The Pfeiffer Technology & Innovation Lab will be complete by August 10, 2017, adding that the due date for the project to be complete is August 27, 2017. President Roberts reported that the leach field was tested two days ago and that they will break ground tomorrow (July 11, 2017). President Roberts briefly discussed enrollment. President Roberts stated that the College is 70 FTEs over budget. President Roberts stated that enrollment for fall is currently even with last year. Chairman Wawro asked if it was still a little early. President Roberts reported that there are more students than last year, but they are taking less credits. President Roberts briefly discussed marketing for the Adult EDge program and pointed out that these students will be part time students. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked about the tuition increase and whether or not the average person knows that most students receive “support” adding that outreach is key. Legislator Schwartz Berky did not want people to feel that the tuition increase would be a barrier. President Roberts stated that the media is really promoting the Excelsior Program and that should help remove the tuition increase barrier. President Roberts stated that next year only 12 currently enrolled students would benefit from the Excelsior Program. President Roberts stated that this number sounds low, but most students already receive TAP and or Pell and would not be paying out of pocket for tuition anyway. President Roberts added that the living expense is the biggest expense for college students.

Chairman Wawro asked Cornell Cooperative Extension UC Executive Director Lee Reidy to address the committee. Executive Director Reidy distributed a program guide to the committee. Executive Director Reidy reported that Cornell Cooperative Extension UC is preparing for the Ulster County Fair (August 1-6). Executive Director Reidy stated that the Opening Ceremony Invitations have been sent out to the committee. Executive Director Reidy added that she would be happy to arrange personal guided tours if the committee members were interested. Executive Director Reidy stated that the youth in the 4-H program would be giving the tours, and that the tours are a wonderful opportunity for the youth to showcase what they are learning. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that she would love to take this tour with her son. Executive Director Reidy briefly reported on the exhibits and programs at the fair. Executive Director Reidy added that Cornell Cooperative Extension UC is working with the Health Department and will offer tick identification at the fair. Executive Director Reidy shared that Cornell Cooperative Extension UC will have demonstrations showing how much sugar and fats are actually in the food/drinks you consume. There will also be a stream table which will demonstrate how water affects rivers and surrounding properties. There will also be cooking demonstrations as well as a small grain and field crops demonstration. Executive Director Reidy also reported that they will be hatching baby chicks. Executive Director Reidy noted there will also be tables with information regarding food server certifications, wildlife proofing your garden, building a bug motel, and many other topics. Executive Director Reidy stated that they are expecting 50,000 people to attend the Ulster County Fair. Executive Director Reidy briefly reported on agriculture stating that it has been a good growing season for apples and that the sweet corn is almost ready. Executive Director Reidy stated that she

would be retiring in January 2018. Her position has been posted, and applicants should apply to Cornell University or call the Cornell Cooperative Extension UC.

Legislator Schwartz Berky raised the idea of bringing awareness (public information forum) to the Legislature in regards to ticks and tick-borne diseases. Legislator Schwartz Berky briefly discussed some of the things Dutchess County has done. Legislator Schwartz Berky discussed how important it is to raise awareness but also to supply correct information and clear up any misinformation. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell stated that the County holds Tick Talks all the time and the County also follows CDC advice. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that whether it is a policy or educational, it would be helpful to have a degree of awareness. Executive Director Reidy stated that prevention is the first line of defense. Executive Director Reidy added that DEET is the most effective on ticks. Chairman Wawro briefly discussed the tick tubes. Executive Director Reidy stated how important it is to check for ticks anytime you have been outside, adding that ticks are a problem year-round. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked if it would be possible to have a Tick Awareness presentation. Deputy Executive Crannell stated that the presentation would take about an hour. Chairman Wawro pointed out that this would be too long to do privilege of the floor. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell asked Legislator Schwartz Berky to contact him if there is a group that would like information. Legislator Schwartz Berky pointed out that Tourism and Economic Development could be in jeopardy.

Chairman Wawro asked Youth Bureau Director Evelyn Clarke to address the committee. Director Clarke briefly discussed the Crisis Shelter (Family House) and the two Transitional Living Programs (Midway 1&2). Director Clarke distributed the 2015 Annual Report for Runaway and Homeless Youth. This report is put out by the Office of Children and Family Services. Director Clarke pointed out that the majority of the youth are female. Director Clarke stated that 7% of youth in RHY programs have children with them. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked how the information is gathered in regards to the transgender information listed on page six. Deputy County Executive Crannell pointed out that this is a State report and that the information gathered at intake is essentially uniform. Director Clarke stated that there have been transgender youth at Midway and added that each youth has their own room.

Resolutions for the July 10, 2017, Session of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee

Resolution No. 292: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County- Family Of Woodstock Inc. - Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the execution of a contract in excess of \$50,000.00.

Resolution No. 293: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County- Family of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the execution of a contract in excess of \$50,000.00.

Resolution No. 298: Approving The New York State Office Of Children And Family Services 2017 Resource Allocation Plan- Youth Bureau

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the New York State Office of Children and Family Services 2017 Resource Allocation Plan.

Motion No. 3 **Moved to consider Resolution Nos. 292, 293, & 298 as a block**
Motion By: Legislator Schwartz Berky
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Discussion:

Legislator Schwartz Berky disclosed that she has a contract and cannot vote on these resolutions. It was discussed how to proceed because if Legislator Schwartz Berky cannot vote there are not enough members to have a quorum. It was decided that the committee should vote to take no action on resolutions 292,293, and 298. They would schedule another meeting before caucus.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Nos. 292, 293, & 298 will be voted as a block

Motion No. 4 **Moved to Take No Action on Resolution Nos. 292, 293, & 298**

Motion By: Legislator Schwartz Berky

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: No action was taken on Resolution Nos. 292, 293, & 298

Resolution No. 289: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County- Kingston WoRx Employer Health Services, A Division Of Health Alliance Hospital Broadway Campus- Office For The Aging

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in excess of \$50,000.00.

Motion No. 5 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 289**

Motion By: Legislator Lopez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Schwartz Berky

Discussion:

Deputy County Executive Crannell briefly discussed the work that went into making this possible. Deputy County Executive Crannell added that the County is working really hard to keep people living in their own homes.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

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 Schwartz Berky

No. of Votes in Favor: 3

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:01 PM

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

Minutes Approved: August 7, 2017