

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

**DATE & TIME:** June 12, 2017 – 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Room 240, Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY Ulster  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chairman Mary Wawro  
**RECORDER:** Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community College  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Schwartz Berky, Deputy Chairman Donaldson, and Chairman Wawro  
**ABSENT:**  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Alan Roberts- President, Ulster County Community College, Chris Nguyen- Vice President for Administrative Services, Ulster County Community College, Geddy Sveikauskas- Publisher, Ulster Publishing

Chairman Wawro called the meeting to order at 5:42 PM.

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**Motion No. 1:** **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2017, meeting**

**Motion By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Schwartz Berky

**Discussion:**

Legislator Schwartz Berky pointed out that Ann Hooper’s name was spelled incorrectly and should be corrected.

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

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

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Chairman Wawro asked SUNY Ulster President Alan Roberts to address the committee. President Roberts briefly discussed enrollment and shared that SUNY Ulster will end their year about 75 FTE (Full-time equivalent) over budget. President Roberts shared that this number is not final as there is still some summer enrollment coming in. President Roberts reported that applications are up twenty percent. Legislator Donaldson asked what President Roberts thought was the reason for the increase in applications. President Roberts believed that the Excelsior Program, new marketing, a recruitment taskforce, and the new website were the reasons for the increase in applications. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked about the State budget in regards to FTE. President Roberts stated that the State comes up with their numbers based on high school graduation rates. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked how many new student the Kingston Center of

SUNY Ulster has brought in. President Roberts stated that many of the students came over to the Kingston Center when the College moved out of the BRC. President Roberts reported that the Adult EDge Program will bring new students to the Kingston Center. Legislator Donaldson asked if the College was working on any programs with the hospital. President Roberts stated that the College anticipates working with the hospital with the Bachelors in Nursing opportunity and has assisted with training through Continuing & Professional Education.

Legislator Donaldson asked about the tuition increase. President Roberts stated that tuition would be increasing by \$75 per semester. President Roberts added that this will only effect the students who do not qualify for the Excelsior Program. Legislator Donaldson asked when the last time tuition was increased. President Roberts stated that tuition was increased last year by \$50 and the year before that the tuition was not increased. Legislator Donaldson asked what would be needed to keep tuition from increasing. President Roberts stated that the College would need between \$250,000 and \$300,000. President Roberts added that most of the 30 community colleges in New York State are raising their tuition. President Roberts stated that Dutchess is the only community college around with lower tuition. President Roberts briefly discussed the addition of a southern location and how that may assist with chargebacks. President Roberts added that the location being looked at would have no additional cost as the classrooms are already renovated. Legislator Donaldson briefly discussed the Sophie Finn building and the need for renovations, as it was designed for elementary school students.

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Resolution for the June 12, 2017, Session of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee

**Resolution No. 255:** Amending Resolution No. 94 Dated March 18, 2014 And Amending Resolution No. 208 Dated May 19, 2017 Relating To Capital Project No. 405- Kelder Center SUNY Ulster- SUNY Ulster

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution amends Resolution No. 94 dated March 18, 2014 and Resolution No. 208 dated May 19, 2017 relating to Capital Project No. 405.

**Motion No. 2**                      **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 255**

**Motion By:**                      Legislator Donaldson

**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Schwartz Berky

**Discussion:**

Legislator Donaldson asked how the resolution has changed. Vice President for Administrative for Administrative Services Chris Nguyen stated that this resolution reflects the final costs. Vice President Nguyen reported that the Kelder Center cost \$524,000. This cost was offset by the sale of the President's Residence, and funding from the Ulster Community College Foundation. Vice President Nguyen stated that this resolution is required by SUNY.

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

**Voting Against:**              None

**Votes in Favor:** 3  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** Resolution adopted

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Chairman Wawro asked if there was any Old Business. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that she would like to convene a committee for bullying education and prevention. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that she would like to include Legislators Bartels and Belfiglio, as they expressed interest in serving on the committee. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that she would send out a message to everyone. The committee will also look at how the allocations for the bullying education and prevention should be spent. Legislator Schwartz Berky discussed the idea of running the program as a pilot. Chairman Wawro added that the Superintendents should be included. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that she would present it as an opportunity for all.

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

**Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:** Legislator Donaldson  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Schwartz Berky  
**No. of Votes in Favor:** 3  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**TIME:** 5:57 PM

**Respectfully Submitted: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community College**  
**Minutes Approved: July 10, 2017**