

## ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

### Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME** : December 8, 2015, 5:00pm  
**LOCATION** : Ulster County Community College, Howard C. St. John Business Seminar Room (Room 118), Clinton Building  
**CHAIRMAN** : David B. Donaldson, Chairman – Present  
**RECORDER** : Natasha Tagliafierro, Assistant, SUNY Ulster  
**LEGISLATORS**  
**PRESENT** : Leg. Mary Wawro, Leg. Craig Lopez and Leg. Donald Gregorius  
**OTHERS**  
**PRESENT** : Alan P. Roberts, President, SUNY Ulster; W. John Dunn, Interim Dean of Administration, SUNY Ulster; Christopher Marx, Dean of Continuing Education, SUNY Ulster; Lee Reidy, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Nancy Jackson, Aid to Leg. Lopez  
**QUORUM** : Yes

**A QUORUM BEING PRESENT CHAIRMAN DONALDSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:05 PM AND TOOK ATTENDANCE.**

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#### **Motion #1 to Approve Minutes:**

**Text of Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2015, Regular Committee Meeting.

**Motion made:** Leg. Gregorius

**Seconded:** Leg. Wawro

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motions to approve the minutes of this Committee of November 4, 2015, were unanimously approved.

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#### **ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Reported by:** Alan P. Roberts

**Resolution:** None

Reported: President Roberts reminded the committee that in January the College would be coming to the committee with resolutions to establish the health and safety capital projects. The top five include the leach field, pedestrian bridge, gym wall, general furniture and the water extension, all which are time sensitive.

President Roberts also stated that the Kelder kick-off meeting will be tomorrow and the project is expected to be finished by March of 2016. The bridge is expected to be done by May for us to move forward with the waterline extension which leaves the leach field and the gym wall. The gym wall has created an issue with our Day Care playground being roped off due to the hazard. Additionally, there is still a need for furniture for the Kingston Center and around campus.

Our Pfeiffer Center and waterline have to be amended due to only \$300,000 being placed on a technology line in the Capital Plan and the balance will be covered by grants with a projection of the project costing around \$1,461,441. The adjustment to this will take place in January and the \$300,000 will be applied.

The waterline projection comes in at \$3,558,900 and that is the construction phase that was applied back in the original approved resolution in 2009 for design and architecture. Leg. Gregorius asked is the waterline from High falls? Dean

Dunn advised yes, noted that the College is all set to do the funding and that there is a verbal resolution which will be done by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Kelder contract was bid by the County and an award was given to Nichols Construction; as stated before, the kick-off meeting will be held tomorrow.

The old furniture at the Kingston Center was moved at the County's suggestion and \$150,000 was approved for what is still needed at the Kingston Center as well as to cover some areas that are in need on the main campus. For example, the library is in great need of new chairs as well as many classrooms. Leg. Lopez asked what about all the donated furniture? Dean Dunn advised that we are now in the network with the organization that supplied us with the furniture and if there are any other offerings in the future that we are now on their contact list. Leg. Gregorius asked why \$300,000 is needed for furniture and how did the College get this breakdown? Chris Marx advised that there was a feasibility plan that removed chairs and the cost. Leg. Gregorius advised that he didn't want to see it held up due to funding.

Dean Dunn advised that the College would love to recover some of the \$300,000 and that this was just information for the committee until the next committee meeting to advise what was coming up the pike for next month.

FTEs Enrollment is down 5.7% and we are down 2% from budget. Revenue is down and the College is keeping a close eye on the reduction of spending. A spending freeze will be implemented on all equipment and we are diligently looking at our part-time faculty and overload. As of today, we are at \$373,000. We will update each month and at the next meeting, we will have November's total.

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**Motion #2 to Approve Resolution No.465:**

**Text of Motion:** Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County- Cornell Cooperative Extension-Department of Public Works

**Motion made:** Leg. Wawro

**Seconded:** Leg. Lopez

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #465 unanimously approved.

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**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENTION**

**Reported by:** Lee Reidy

**Resolution:** None

**Reported:** Lee Reidy reported that DEP requested that \$2,000,000 to be used for bank stabilization and that Cornell's role would be to hold the funds. Leg. Donaldson said to not have filtration used for the watershed and they vet them out. It would be that they would host the committee and work with towns (like Shokan, Woodstock) and farmer's rules and regulations that would come out of NYC; it's a lot of work. We have a part-time paralegal because of the exact documentation that DEP in NYC is looking for and if it is not correct or done on time the project will be shut down.

This could bring a lot of program leaders and bring a lot of money to the Catskills, about \$63,000 in grant money for stream banks establishments. There was a Board meeting and it was very impressive. There are five new board members and one member is from a distillery that only uses local products. The grain is supplied from our area. He shows his commitment to New York State by using white oak barrels. He also knows all the distilleries. He has his whole production very well thought out to the point that when the grain is recycled, he found a breed that would thrive on this particular grain and then sell the meat to local restaurants.

New grains are being produced at the Farm Hub as an experiment in malting and sprouting the grain and would like to produce it for fine dining with a wine tasting area.

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**Block vote for resolution No. 467, 468 & 469**

**Motion #3 to Approve Resolution No.467:**

**Text of Motion:** Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board.

**Motion made:** Leg. Lopez

**Seconded:** Leg. Wawro

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #467 unanimously approved.

**Motion #3 to Approve Resolution No.468:**

**Text of Motion:** Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board.

**Motion made:** Leg. Lopez

**Seconded:** Leg. Wawro

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #468 unanimously approved

**Motion #3 to Approve Resolution No.469:**

**Text of Motion:** Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Ulster County Youth Board.

**Motion made:** Leg. Lopez

**Seconded:** Leg. Wawro

**Voice Vote:** Yes

**In Favor:** 4

**Opposed:** 0

**Disposition:** The motion passed, Resolution #469 unanimously approved

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Discussion ensued: Leg. Donaldson, Wawro and Lopez advised that they enjoy the committee and would all like to be on the committee next year.

Leg. Gregorius thanked the committee and said that he has enjoyed his time with them and what this committee does is so important because it's the one-on-one interaction that creates results, especially in the arts.

It's important to see how happy we are able to make these organizations. Leg. Donaldson advised that Leg. Gregorius would be missed and because of his service to the committee they were able to accomplish much more. Lee Reidy advised on behalf of all the organizations she wanted to pass along a thank you to Leg. Gregorius for his support, understanding, and his presence. Leg. Donaldson closed with "thank you, Don, you have done a great job".

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**Motion #4- TO ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Leg. Lopez and seconded by Leg. Gregorius and Chairman Donaldson declared the meeting duly adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015  
Natasha Tagliaferro, Recorder  
Minutes approved on January 20, 2016