

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

DATE & TIME: February 6, 2017 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: SUNY Ulster, Clinton Hall, Howard C. St. John Conference Room
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Mary Wawro
RECORDER: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, Ulster County Community College
PRESENT: Legislators Schwartz Berky, Delaune, and Chairman Wawro
ABSENT: Deputy Chairman Donaldson
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Lydia Reidy- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Chris Nguyen- Vice President for Administrative Services, Ulster County Community College

Chairman Wawro called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM and the pledge was recited.

Motion No. 1: **Postpone the Approval of the December 12, 2016, Meeting until the March Meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Schwartz Berky

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

None

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes will be approved at the March meeting

Chairman Wawro asked SUNY Ulster Vice President for Administrative Services Chris Nguyen to address the committee. Vice President Nguyen reported that the College has three resolutions on the agenda: the Kingston Center roof replacement, the Pfeiffer Technology and Innovation Lab, and a lease agreement at the Business Resource Center. Vice President Nguyen briefly explained the rationale for these resolutions.

Chairman Wawro asked Lee Reidy, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCEUC) to address the committee. Executive Director Reidy reported that the CCE had its first board meeting of the year. The meeting helped orient the new board members. Executive Director Reidy reported that much of the meeting was spent discussing a succession plan to fill Executive Director Reidy's position. Executive Director Reidy will be retiring at the end of January 2018. Executive Director Reidy reported that interviews would be taking place sometime in

October. Chairman Wawro stated, “it will be a hard act to follow.” Executive Director Reidy reported that they received a grant from the Dyson Foundation to assist with the process. Executive Director Reidy reported that there are currently two Board openings.

Executive Director Reidy also reported that CCEUC is working with the Hudson Valley Lab in Highland. They will be submitting a CFA in an attempt to modernize the lab and build some educational facilities with the idea they will provide science internships for SUNY Ulster, SUNY New Paltz, and local high schools. Executive Director Reidy stated that Ulster County Agriculture has a vested interest in getting the lab up to speed. Executive Director Reidy added that they would also like to put in a test kitchen. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated, “we need more prepping and processing.” Legislator Schwartz Berky also asked Executive Director Reidy about testing for metals. Executive Director Reidy stated that she did not see this lab testing for metals. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that legislators write letters of support for CFAs and suggested that the committee considering writing a letter for this application.

Executive Director Reidy reported that the new Ag agent (Christian) started at the beginning of January. He has an Urban Gardening background. Executive Director Reidy stated that she would bring him to the next meeting. Executive Director Reidy stated that Christian has worked for Cornell Cooperative in Wisconsin and Florida.

Executive Director Reidy briefly discussed the RAP (Relatives As Parents) Program and that they hired a part-time person for outreach. Executive Director Reidy reminded everyone that the program is not regulatory; it is to provide support and education for the children and the relatives. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that she has a lot of constituents in Colonial Village and Rondout Gardens that fit this description. Executive Director Reidy asked Legislator Schwartz Berky to send them to her. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked Executive Director Reidy for pamphlets. Executive Director Reidy also reported on two low-income nutrition programs SNAP Ed and the Expanded Food Nutrition Program.

Executive Director Reidy reported that the Ag Fruit School is being held next week at the Best Western. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked if there was still space available.

Resolutions for the February 6, 2017, Session of the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services Committee

Resolution No. 21: Establishing Capital Project No. 480- SUNY Ulster- Kingston Center Roof Replacement Project- Amending the 2017-2022 Capital Project Fund- SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends SUNY Ulster’s Capital Project Fund

Motion No. 2 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 21**

Motion By: Legislator Lopez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Schwartz Berky

Discussion:

Legislator Schwartz Berky asked if the roof replacement had gone out for bid. Vice President for Administrative Services Chris Nguyen stated that it had not and that it was awaiting approval. Legislator Schwartz Berky asked if the College had considered whitening the roof, and cited that it is a LEED standard. Vice President Nguyen stated that he would look into whitening the roof. Legislator Schwartz Berky also asked if the College considered solar. Vice President Nguyen stated that he would check into this as well. Legislator Schwartz Berky pointed out that if the EPDM is punctured the warranty is voided, so if solar is a thought it should be decided before the roof is replaced. Legislator Delaune stated that he would be willing to approve the resolution but would like a report on it next month.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Schwartz Berky, Delaune, Chairman Wawro

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 54: Amending Resolution No. 46 Dated January 26, 2016- Establishing Capital Project No. 464- SUNY Ulster Renovation To Establish The Pfeiffer Technology and Innovation Lab- Amending the 2017-2022 Capital Program- SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends SUNY Ulster's 2017-2022 Capital Program

Motion No. 3 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 54**

Motion By: Chairman Wawro

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

Vice President Nguyen reported that the Pfeiffer Technology and Innovation Lab was originally going to be built off campus. By building it on campus the price has been reduced from \$1.4 million to \$864,000.00. Vice President Nguyen reported that this project will be fully funded through external sources and that no County dollars will be invested in this project. Vice President Nguyen added that President Roberts is excited to use the lab as a centerpiece for STEM.

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 55: Authorizing the Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Agreement With SUNY Ulster- For Office and Classroom Space At The Business Resource Center- Department of Public Works (Building and Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman to enter into a lease agreement with SUNY Ulster.

Motion No. 4 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 55**
Motion By: Legislator Schwartz Berky
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
None

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Legislator Schwartz Berky asked to briefly discuss the issues regarding bullying. Legislator Schwarz Berky shared that over the break Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell and Chairman of the Legislature Kenneth Ronk set up meetings with the schools. Legislator Schwartz Berky expressed her desire to interface more with them. Chairman Wawro asked who Legislator Schwartz Berky would like to invite to the next meeting. Legislator Schwartz Berky reported that she spoke with Nettie Tomshaw and she explained that she cannot really help arrange the meetings with the schools. Chairman Wawro pointed out that they could invite them to a meeting. Chairman Wawro added that they have not been very successful in getting the schools to come. Legislator Schwartz Berky discussed the difficulties with scheduling; she suggested inviting the schools to a roundtable discussion. Chairman Wawro added that the Superintendents meet on Tuesday mornings and that maybe the Committee could get on their agenda. Legislator Schwartz Berky is interested in hearing their feedback and ideas. Legislator Schwartz Berky referred to the OLEWUS study that she previously distributed to the committee. Legislator Schwartz Berky stated that study supports significant returns on investment, and how inexpensive it would be to train the staff. Chairman Wawro suggested the Committee send out a letter to see what the schools are doing. Legislator Schwartz Berky suggested sending out an anonymous survey to see how effective these anti-bullying programs are. Executive Director Reidy suggested the Committee check with BOCES. BOCES hosts superintendents' meetings. Legislator Schwartz Berky will ask Nettie to get the background information. Chairman Wawro stated that the County needs a better relationship with the Board of Education. Chairman Wawro added "we need to find a balance" and "not just force things on them."

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Schwartz Berky

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

No. of Votes in Favor: 3

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:48 PM

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

Minutes Approved: March 6, 2017