

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

DATE & TIME: February 8, 2018 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Howard C. St. John Business Room, Clinton Hall, SUNY Ulster
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman David Donaldson
RECORDER: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, SUNY Ulster
PRESENT: Legislators Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dr. Alan Roberts, President-SUNY Ulster, Chris Nguyen, Vice President for Administrative Services- SUNY Ulster, Margie Menard- Ulster County Library Association, Julie Dempsey- Ulster County Library Association, Michael Berg- Family of Woodstock, Chris Silva- Ulster County Performing Arts Center (UPAC)

Chairman Donaldson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2017, meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lynn Eckert

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman
Voting Against: 0
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes approved

Chairman Donaldson briefly explained the purpose of the Committee. Chairman Donaldson asked everyone to introduce themselves, as there are many new members on the Committee.

Resolutions for the February 13, 2018, Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 47 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York State Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York For Design Services- Ulster County Community College

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to enter into an agreement with The New York State Dormitory Authority of The State of New York for design Services on behalf of Ulster County Community College. These services will be provided at no fee

to the College or County. These services will be used by the College to update various classrooms, lecture halls, and other educational spaces.

Motion No. 2 **Moved to discuss and adopt Resolution No. 47**
Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator James Delaune

Discussion:

Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell provided an overview of the services that The New York State Dormitory Authority offers to Colleges for free. Deputy County Executive Crannell explained that historically, there has been a disconnect between the County and the College in regards to capital projects, adding that recently the County and the College have worked to improve this process. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell explained that DASNY(Dormitory Authority of The State of New York) has contracted with SUNY. At first, DASNY only offered design services, but now they will provide capital management services.

Chairman Donaldson asked President Roberts to address the Committee. President Roberts welcomed everyone and thanked them for their support. President Roberts referenced the sidewalks, roofs, and the water line project. President Roberts added that he is “truly excited” for the assistance from the County and DASNY. Legislator James Delaune asked if DASNY offers financial services as well as construction management. Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell confirmed that they do.

President Roberts reported that SUNY Ulster is one of the only community colleges in the State to have an increase in enrollment (+7%). President Roberts reported that the College has a healthy fund balance (5.2% of revenue). Spring enrollment passed the projected enrollment. President Roberts reported that the Kingston Center is at capacity, and is averaging 20 students per class. President Roberts shared with the Committee that preliminary research has shown there is potential for an additional location near the Mid-Hudson Bridge. Chairman Donaldson asked what programs would be offered at this location. President Roberts stated that the College is considering offering Individual Studies and Business at this southern location. President Roberts added that many students in Highland and Marlboro are going over the bridge to Dutchess. President Roberts shared that the County pays out about \$3,000,000.00 in chargebacks. President Roberts added that the College has about 67 new students from outside the County, and is attributing these new students to the growing Athletics program.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and
 Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 14 – 2018 Appropriation For The Ulster County Libraries Program

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Ulster County Commissioner of Finance to distribute funds to the Mid-Hudson Library System in the sum of seventy-nine thousand two hundred fifty dollars.

Motion No. 3 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 14**
Motion By: Legislator Brian Woltman
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heidi Haynes

Discussion:

Julie Dempsey (President) and Margie Menard (Director) reported that the appropriation do not fund the 21 county libraries, but funds the info portal, which provides equal access for all 21 libraries in the County. Director Menard shared that President Julie Dempsey has been working hard and recently opened the Highland Library. President Julie Dempsey and Director Menard shared the many services offered through the libraries. Chairman Donaldson explained how the libraries used to be funded, and how in 2005, the current model was established. Chairman Donaldson requested that Margie Menard send Vicky a breakdown of what is actually being funded. Director Menard agreed to send the breakdown and added that the breakdown is included in the resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 15 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With Family Of Woodstock, Inc., For The Supervised Visitation Program For The 2018 Appropriation- Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the Family of Woodstock Inc., for the Supervised Visitation Program for the 2018 Appropriation (\$25,000.00).

Motion No. 4 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 15**
Motion By: Legislator Mary Wawro
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Julius Collins

Discussion:

Director Michael Berg briefly shared the service statistics. Family of Woodstock provided supervised visitation to 85 families. Director Berg reported that they also have the ability to conduct the supervised visits in Spanish. Chairman Donaldson added that if the County tried to provide these services, it would cost four times the amount they give to the Family of Woodstock.

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

Resolution No. 16 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement For The Maintenance Of Facilities For The Ulster Performing Arts Center - Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement for the maintenance of facilities for the Ulster Performing Arts Center (\$18,750.00).

Motion No. 5 **Moved to adopt Resolution No. 16**
Motion By: Legislator James Delaune
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Wawro

Discussion:

Director Chris Silva reported that the \$5,500,000.00 HVAC and electrical renovations were completed in November, on budget. Director Silva shared his excitement to be opened, and offering shows year round. Chairman Donaldson asked Director Silva what is needed. Director Silva stated that \$25,000.00 per year would be great. Chairman Donaldson stated that in the past UPAC received more money, and the Committee is trying to increase the appropriation amount each year. Discussion ensued regarding scheduling shows.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Collins, Delaune, Eckert, Wawro, and Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution adopted

New Business

Chairman Donaldson briefly discussed next month's agenda. Legislator Wawro added that Lee Reidy's replacement (Cornell Cooperative Extension) will be at the next meeting. Legislator Wawro stated that the committee would miss Lee and acknowledged Lee's 43 years of service with Cornell.

Discussion ensued regarding moving the meetings around to different locations. Legislator Delaune was in favor of this.

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

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Lynn Eckert
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heidi Haynes

No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:13 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Danielle Wayman, Program Assistant, SUNY Ulster
Minutes Approved: March 12, 2018