

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
PROGRAMS, EDUCATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES, HELD IN LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS, COUNTY OFFICE
BUILDING, KINGSTON, NEW YORK, ON THE 7TH DAY OF JUNE, 2011.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

WAYNE HARRIS, Chairman
DAVID B. DONALDSON, Deputy Chairman
CARL BELFIGLIO
CATHERINE TERRIZZI
DONALD J. GREGORIUS
JACK HAYES
MICHAEL MADSEN

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

DONALD C. KATT, President, Ulster County Community College
MARK P. KOMDAT, Dean of Administration, Ulster County Community College
ROY HOCHBERG, Ulster County Legislator
ARLENE FOY REYNOLDS, Director, Ulster County Youth Bureau
LAURA PETIT, Ulster County Legislator
VICTOR MELVILLE, League of Women Voters
J.J. HANSON, Ulster County Executive's Office
JANET SALANITRI, Adm. Assistant, Ulster County Community College, Recorder

A quorum being present, Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 5:04pm and called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of this committee of May 3, 2011. Said motion was made by Leg. Donaldson and seconded by Leg. Hayes and upon Chairman Harris calling for a voice vote said minutes were unanimously approved.

At this time Chairman Harris introduced, on behalf of the County Executive, a proposed Resolution to approve the revised New York State Office of Children & Family Services 2011 Resource Allocation Plan for the Youth Bureau and recognized Arlene Foy Reynolds, Director of the Ulster County Youth Bureau.

Ulster County Youth Bureau:

Ms. Reynolds said this resolution was being submitted to revise previous Resolution #300 dated December 21, 2010 from \$369,552.00 to \$272,466.00 and was necessary to confirm to the Ulster County Youth Bureau's Allocation for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 which has been reduced under Governor Cuomo's New York State Budget effective April 1, 2011.

She said that this allocation covers Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention (YDDP), Special Delinquency Prevention Programs (SDPP) and Runaway Homeless Youth Act (RHYA). Leg. . Also, said Ms. Reynolds, the \$272,466 amended allocation plan includes \$45,839 for programs administered by non-county municipalities with reimbursement provided directly from NY State to those municipalities.

Leg. Gregorius said the Domestic Violence Youth Program at the shelter is funded by the County Executive's Office and he believes that money was not touched. It is in the county budget. He said we should be aware of that because it was a special appropriation by the Executive.

At this time a motion to approve the resolution as presented was made by Leg. Donaldson and seconded by Leg. Gregorius and upon Chairman Harris calling for a voice vote the resolution to amend Resolution #300 dated December 21, 2010 as set forth hereafter, was unanimously approved.

"RESOLVED, that the 2011 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>REDUCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-3100-1005 (App.#)	Regular Pay, Administration	\$ 14,682.00
A3-3100-3820 (Rev.#)	State Aid, Youth Bureau	\$ 14,682.00
A4-3101-4919 (App.#)	Youth Bureau Programs	\$ 63,171.00
A3-3101-3820 (Rev.#)	State Aid, Youth Bureau	\$ 63,171.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby approves the Ulster County Youth Bureau's revised Resource Allocation Plan in the amount of \$272,466.00 in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, if funding for this plan is eliminated, County participation will be reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee,
and moves its adoption."

Chairman Harris, following the Resolution approval vote directed that the list of funding as revised be attached to and made a part of these minutes. (see Schedule A).

The presentation of the Ulster County Youth Bureau being concluded, Chairman Harris recognized Donald C. Katt and Mark P. Komdat, President and Dean of Administration respectively, of SUNY Ulster County Community College.

Ulster County Community College:

President Katt said he would like to take this opportunity to share some good news. The college's Board of Trustees has approved the proposed budget for 2011-2012 and has not asked for an increase from the County. He said the college does expect another reduction in state aid of about \$400,000 for a total reduction in revenue of about .3% or about \$89,000 less than is expected to be spent this year. The President said he and his staff have been working on strategies to help mitigate expected reductions .

The President also advised that this past year the college had its highest FTE enrollment primarily due to middle class families who can't afford to send their children to four-year schools. He said, however, the college is projecting 2,262 FTEs for a 2% decline in student enrollment for the 2011-12 year. Many students are choosing to go part-time rather than full time.

Over the last eight years, said President Katt, the amount of Ulster County's contribution has increased a total of approximately 8% for an annual average increase of just 1.0%. We have left several open positions vacant. There will be a tuition increase of \$85.00 per semester for a yearly full time rate of \$3,990 with a part-time tuition increase of \$2.00 per credit hour to \$142.

Dean Komdat gave a Power Point budget presentation. Revenues, both restricted and unrestricted, total \$28,183,021 or an increase of 4%. FTE Summary showed 2,261.7 proposed FTEs which is 2% variance from last year. Dean Komdat reiterated the proposed tuition increases which are 4% on full time and 1% on part time and showed the comparison with other area community colleges with Westchester County Community College being the highest and Dutchess County being the lowest.

On Local Revenue Assumptions, the local sponsor charges are estimated at \$700,000 a 0% change and the county sponsor share has been held flat at the same rate it was since 2009 at \$6,280,863. The Dean also thoroughly reviewed the Maintenance of Effort provisions of 8 NYCRR 602.10(i)(1) and the impact of failing to maintain that effort. Leg. Gregorius asked what happens to the funds that get earmarked "Reserve for Excess Student Revenue". Dean Komdat said those funds have to be escrowed and cannot be used at all. Leg. Donaldson asked if the county increased its contribution the following year would the escrowed funds still have to be held and the Dean said they could be released at such time as the county elected to increase its contribution.

Dean Komdat reviewed salary and wages and said no contractual increases were incorporated for 2012 with rates equal to 2011 actual. While the college is negotiating with its faculty and professional unions, the third union, CSEA, is being negotiated by the County and the college has no control of that. He said there were five early retirement positions but only three were filled with full-time appointments. There will be a new Criminal Justice full-time position but no full-time replacement of the Theatre position at

this time nor for a vacant position in Nursing nor for a retiring Physical Education/Recreation position for the spring semester. He also advised that at this time there will be no replacements of existing vacancies in the Learning Center, Financial Aid and Maintenance and the Athletic Director position will become a part-time non-benefited position. In addition, the Board approved a small provision for Faculty and OPAP promotions. Referencing benefits, the Dean reported that there was a net 1% increased cost of \$78,617 due to industry increases. Also, he said, a new tiered retiree benefit plan was implemented in 2011.

Reviewing Contractual & Supply, Dean Komdat said these are budgeted at 2% or \$105,892 higher although the majority of the departments have savings or flat budgets with reference to equipment. The increase is due to the continued inclusion of CLS courses. In reply to a question from Leg. Terrizzi, Dean Komdat said Complete Learning Solutions was a new program begun in 2010 and consisted of various contract courses, in particular with Verizon.

The formal presentation being concluded, a general discussion and question and answer period followed. President Katt said faculty, under their contract, are looking for sabbaticals for professional development. These had to be denied because we just don't have the money. The President did say fortunately the Perkins VTEA Grant will allow us to overhaul the Mac Lab.

Chairman Harris said he doesn't know how long the college can keep cutting. He said he started bringing these presentations to this committee last year so that we can have an opportunity to look things over before the more formal presentation scheduled for June 14th at the college in the Student Lounge.

President Katt said if anyone had any questions at all they could call either himself or Dean Komdat. Leg. Gregorius said he had a meeting with some other Legislators on another matter and some asked why tuition was so high. President Katt said the only way for the college to keep up with its costs is through the student tuition. Again, the county's appropriation is not increasing and the state base aid was decreased by over 20%. He said Ulster has always been an expensive per capita college which comes primarily from the number of students. While Dutchess has a lower tuition, he said, you have to take into consideration that Dutchess Community College has at least two and one-half times the number of students. Leg. Terrizzi asked if, percentage wise, Ulster got more state aid based on student population and the President advised that the rate of state aid is the same for everyone. Leg. Donaldson asked if it would be possible to send the members of the committee a comparison as to what other County Legislatures are contributing as opposed to what their community college's budget is. Dean Komdat said he would try and get that. Leg. Madsen said he would also like to know the total number of students from Ulster County who are attending Dutchess Community College.

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The report of Ulster County Community College being concluded, there was a brief discussion of the merits of meeting prior to the public hearing on the college's budget, and Chairman Harris said that the committee would be looking at the budgets of some of the other departments in the coming months. He also said he had heard from Lee Reidy, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension who had intended to be present this evening; however, she was stuck in traffic in Rockland County and would not be back in time.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Leg. Donaldson and seconded by Leg. Gregorius and Chairman Harris declared the meeting duly adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Salanitri, Recorder
Adm. Assistant, Ulster County Community College