

JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Clary, Campbell, Shaw, Skellie, Griffith

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Campbell, O'Brien, Hicks, Fedler, Skellie Clary, Losaw, Griffith

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Hogan, Rozell, Ward

SUPERVISORS: Hall, Henke, Wilson

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Chris DeBolt, County Administrator

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Warren County Supervisors

SUNY Adirondack President Duffy & Ann Marie Scheidegger, Vice President for Administrative Services and Treasurer

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

1. Call to Order
2. 2020 – 2021 Budget Request
3. Fall Restart Plans
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Chairwoman Clary, Community College Committee, and Chairman Campbell, Finance Committee, called the joint meeting to order at 9:31 A.M. via teleconference. Warren County Committees also present and called to order.

President Duffy presented slides highlighting the following items with the committees:

Fall Restart

- Fall course schedule reduced by 75%,
- Approximately 550 students on campus weekly in person for class.
- 118 students moving into the dorm were tested and all negative. The residence hall is at 32% capacity.
- Required to submit to SUNY for review ongoing testing plan and estimated unbudgeted cost of \$75,000. Displayed a video they created to remind their campus community about their health and safety protocols featuring peer coaches from a new program Adirondack Campus developed to help students succeed.

She thanked Warren County Public Health Services for all the assistance provided and developed a MOU with Hudson Headwaters for testing.

Enrollment

- Enrollment is behind budgeted enrollment by 10%.
- They need 200 more students to enroll plus the College Academy enrollment, courses in the High School program.

Interesting trends:

- Increase of students in the highest GPA range,
- Increase of part time students and those over 30, and
- Largest drop was in full time students.

Good news:

- New TRIO SSS grant \$1.3M over five years from the US Department of Education to help students be successful. If after five years you can demonstrate success then it is very likely the grant will be renewed.
- Title III grant activities have been moving forward; this is a five year grant received last year for \$2.2M. This funds the Adirondack Campus program.
- Oatar instruction has begun,
- Early College High School Program enrollment is up slightly over last year, and
- Awarded \$400k in scholarships for the fall semester.

Ann Marie Scheidegger, Vice President for Administrative Services and Treasurer, presented slides highlighting the following items with the committees:

Budget

- Preparing for a 20% cut in all state aid not just state aid support to the college but also to students as well.
- TAP is threatened and possibly no excelsior scholarships.
- Could need up to \$2.5M from anticipated fund balance of nearly \$5M. Fund balance is higher due to receipt of CARES Act funding.
- Current austerity budget is not sustainable and will work barely for the current year but will not work for more than that. Fiscal health in jeopardy without other relief; federal, state or enrollment.
- Further workforce reduction and contraction of college offerings is inevitable.

Received information from the State that any cuts that they receive this year will likely be a new normal; a permanent cut. 80% of their budget is personnel and benefits related and their offerings to students are really the only two areas they can go to contract the college's budget. President Duffy very much appreciates and thanked both counties for their support for the college's budget request.

Capital Projects

- Synthetic turf field and all other new projects and contracts on hold from state.
- New Facilities Master Plan is in final planning stages.
- Plan to focus on completing the capital projects currently in process; required safety issues in the gym, deferred maintenance in larger classrooms, complete synthetic turf field.
- No capital projects request for 2021-2022. Will resume requests in September 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

Debra Prehoda, Clerk
Washington County Board of Supervisors