

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Alexander, Banks, Lindsay, Henke

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: G. Hall

SUPERVISORS: Trinkle, Wilbur, LaPointe

Kevin Hayes, County Administrator

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

ACC – President Heacock, Betsy Rabida, Bill Long, Kevin Reilly, Paul Mazur
Warren County Supervisors

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Discuss 2008-2009 Budget
- 3) Miscellaneous
- 4) Adjournment

The Community College committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. at Adirondack Community College.

Ron Heacock, ACC President, stated from his conversations with SUNY, the Counties have the right to change their sponsor contribution but not to change the overall budget of the college.

The SUNY Board must approve ACC's budget. They only meet every other month and are scheduled to meet in September. If the counties do not approve ACC's budget at their September 19th Board meetings, the college would have to wait until November for SUNY approval and would not be eligible to receive state aid. They would then have to borrow funds to keep the college open.

President Heacock stated that ACC has adjusted their budget reducing the sponsoring counties share from 5% to 3%. They are using fund balance to make up the difference keeping the local share the same therefore this will not affect chargebacks from Saratoga County. The State also cut the college 6% but not on their per FTE funding and the college went back an adjusted areas for this cut in funding, i.e. reduced rentals, child care. A revised budget was distributed and is on file and a revised 2008 budget parameters and strategy handout attached.

A motion to move forward with a resolution to approve 2008 – 2009 ACC budget with a 3% increase in sponsors contribution was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Lindsay and adopted.

President Heacock stated the counties are going to have to sit down with ACC over the next year to have some very serious conversations (what can the college expect in the future in terms of funding, what are the counties planning to invest in the college) so this situation does not happen next year. He has reviewed the sponsoring counties contributions over the years and stated the

increases in the local sponsoring counties contributions will not sustain the college. ACC is using a lot of fund balance this year toward their budget. He reminded the Board that they approve the College's union contracts and to review them and realize the impact they will have. 75% of their budget is salaries. He is willing to work very closely with both the Warren and Washington Counties Community College Committees. He needs to know what will be the resources available to the college to work with in the future. He feels the State has really let the college down. He is working hard on getting the chargeback rate back up. The college's salary structure is low for recruiting staff. He understands the counties have problems also. He stated frank honest dialogue is needed between the college and the two counties. Input is needed from all the Board members not just the Community College committee members.

The college needs to keep the counties informed letting them know where the college is at, here is what the situation is and this is where we need to go.

Budget projections are needed over multiple years, i.e. 3-year budget plan.

President Heacock and members of the ACC Board of Trustees expressed their appreciation for the counties support.

The counties frustration with the state not fulfilling their funding obligation needs to be expressed to the state and our legislators.

Kevin recommends setting up bi-monthly joint Warren and Washington Counties Community College committee meetings. He stated discussions also need to take place on capital plans. Kevin stated perhaps a county representatives could also attend the college's Finance Committee.

President Heacock mentioned they are trying to make arrangements with Glens Falls Transportation to make bus service available to all ACC students.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.