Community Colleges Committee Charter

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Committee Purpose: The Community Colleges Committee will provide oversight and policy formulation associated with SUNY’s 30 community college campuses, as appropriate. The Committee will utilize procedures that foster an understanding of the missions, regulations and structures unique to the sector, the relationships between SUNY and its community colleges, and the issues of particular interest to them. The Committee will periodically receive regular updates from key community college constituency or stakeholder groups, including but not limited each of the community colleges, the New York Community Colleges Association of Presidents (NYCCAP), the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT), the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC), and the SUNY Student Assembly.

The charge of the Community Colleges Committee is to review and make recommendations, and when appropriate, such recommendations will be made to or in collaboration with other SUNY Board of Trustees Committees (particularly Academic Affairs, Education, College Readiness and Success, and Finance and Administration) and to the Full Board of Trustees regarding:

- SUNY community colleges’ ability to provide open access to an affordable and quality education for all students able to benefit;
- Policy, structural, and financial issues related to SUNY’s community colleges and their missions;
- SUNY community colleges’ ability to serve as economic drivers and cultural hubs for their respective communities;
- Developing a system approach to assisting SUNY community colleges in meeting national and state demands.

The goals of this Committee will be to strengthen the State and National profile of community colleges, improve the understanding of the sector and address major policy issues that impact the community colleges.