Minutes of the Community Colleges Committee Meeting  
of the Board of Trustees  
of the State University of New York  
September 24, 2019  

Pursuant to a notice of a meeting duly given on September 10, 2019, the Community Colleges Committee of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York held a meeting on September 24, 2019, at the State University Plaza, 353 Broadway, in Albany, New York.

Committee Members Present:
Trustee Robert J. Duffy, Committee Chair  
Trustee Christy Fogal  
Trustee Eunice A. Lewin  
Trustee Stanley S. Litow  
Trustee Austin Ostro  
Trustee Carl Spielvogel

Other Trustees Present:
Trustee Merryl H. Tisch, Vice Chairman of the Board  
Trustee Cesar A. Perales  
Trustee Cary F. Staller  
Trustee Gwen Kay

System Administration:
Chancellor Kristina Johnson  
Secretary of the University, Terrance Pratt  
Senior Vice Chancellor Johanna Duncan-Poitier  
Sandra Casey, Teresa Foster, Robert Haelen, Dr. Jill Lansing, Dr. Tod Laursen, Eileen McLoughlin, Robert Megna, Jennifer Miller, Travis Proulx and Leo Rosales.

Others Present:
President Kristine Duffy – Adirondack Community College  
Donna Mihalik – Chair of the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT)

Trustee Duffy, Chair of the Committee, convened the Community Colleges Committee meeting at 3:45 p.m.
Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Duffy called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019, Committee meeting.

- Upon motion by Trustee Litow, and second by Trustee Ostro, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the March 20, 2019, Committee minutes.

Remarks of the Chair of the Committee and the Senior Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges and the Education Pipeline

Trustee Duffy thanked everyone for being present at the Committee meeting and welcomed two guests: President Kristine Duffy of Adirondack Community College and Donna Mihalik, Chair of the New York Community College Trustees.

Trustee Duffy reported that the Senior Vice Chancellor will be sharing with the Committee data on enrollment, demographics and performance data for the community college sector. He noted that it is critically important that the Committee have a more in-depth conversation about how this sector can strengthen the workforce development and education pipeline and hopes that their conversation will begin to direct the future work of this Committee. Trustee Duffy would like to focus more on receiving input from the Committee in terms of what is needed to prepare for the next three to five years and who we want to bring in as guest speakers.

Trustee Duffy then invited Senior Vice Chancellor Duncan-Poitier to deliver her presentation. The Senior Vice Chancellor reported on the data profile of SUNY’s community colleges sector and highlighted the following:

- Community colleges enroll 199,873 students which is the largest individual SUNY sector.
- Community colleges have a large footprint geographically, which is important because so many students need or want to go to college close to home.
- 52.5% of community college students are full-time and 47.5% are part-time, while 77.4% of community college students are aged 24 and under and 22.6% are 25 and over.
- The highest concentration of community college students are enrolled and awarded an Associate degree in three program areas:
  - 34% the humanities;
  - 20% business, management, and public administration; and
  - 14% in health and related fields.
• Two-, three-, and four-year graduation rates for first-time, full-time Associate degree students are increasing post implementation of student success initiatives beginning after fall 2010 continuing to the fall 2016 cohort.
• For fall 2017 and 2018, 60% of students either graduated, are still enrolled, or transferred but did not get an award.
• From 2017 to 2018, there has been an increase in the number of SUNY community college students transferring to SUNY four-year colleges.
• Over the past five years, more than a quarter of SUNY’s Baccalaureate degree earners transferred from a SUNY community college.

The Senior Vice Chancellor also shared with the Committee that SUNY was recently awarded $8 million by the U.S. Department of Labor for leadership in developing apprenticeships. This award is important because these are paid registered apprenticeships in advanced manufacturing, healthcare and information technology. This funding adds to the initial investment by Governor Cuomo of $9 million to support apprenticeship programs. She also noted that because people are recognizing the work that the State University of New York is doing in this area, three campuses have received additional money from the American Association of Community Colleges for apprenticeship programs.

The Senior Vice Chancellor then reported on the expansion of the P-TECH program, and on the launch of the Workforce Development Initiative Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).

Trustee Duffy asked the Committee what they would like to see on future agendas in terms of guest speakers and data information. He suggested that the Governor’s new Director of Workforce Development would be an interesting presenter at a future Committee meeting.

Trustee Litow replied that since there has been an increase in completion rates, he would like to see stories regarding these completion rates, examples of which community colleges and programs have had the biggest gains and most significant numbers, so we can identify which lessons can be replicated across the community college system.

The Chancellor suggested inviting staff from Monroe Community College, the Department of Labor, and Empire State College to address the Committee to discuss the role of machine learning, and to figure out how to tighten the demand access cycle with regard to the education needed to fill the particular jobs.

Trustee Ostro suggested that the Committee could consider hearing about community college funding from a leader representing a county with a high-performing community college to better understand how we can integrate SUNY’s advocacy efforts with theirs, how we can better balance the equations, and to ensure that community college funding is equitable.

Trustee Lewin replied that we need to explore which four-year institutions have formed partnerships with local two-year colleges.
The Senior Vice Chancellor concluded the meeting by announcing that the Northland Workforce Training Center in Buffalo celebrated its first graduating class this past August, with 24 students completing SUNY Erie’s Mechatronics or CNC Precision Machining programs.

An executive session was not held at this meeting.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Duffy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon motion of Trustee Litow, second by Trustee Lewin, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.