M E M O R A N D U M

November 17, 2020

TO:        Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM:      Jim Malatras, Chancellor
SUBJECT:   Condolences and Celebration of the Life of Former President Andrew J. Matonak

Action Requested

The proposed resolution expresses sadness regarding the death of the 6th president of Hudson Valley Community College, Andrew J. Matonak and acknowledges the important contributions Dr. Matonak made to the Hudson Valley Community College community and the State University of New York’s community colleges as a sector.

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Board of Trustees of the State of University of New York records with great sorrow the passing of Andrew J. Matonak on November 7, 2020; and

Whereas Andrew Matonak served as the 6th President of Hudson Valley Community College from April 18, 2005 until his retirement in June 2018; and

Whereas during President Matonak’s 13-year tenure he led the college through a period of substantial growth and innovation; and

Whereas he introduced more than 20 new degree programs, guided a $200 million transformation of the campus infrastructure, and set record high enrollment numbers; and

Whereas Dr. Matonak was an architect in the development of many new workforce development programs of systemic application at scale; and
Whereas Dr. Matonak, fondly known as Drew, served as the President of the New York Community Colleges Association of Presidents (NYCCAP) on behalf of all 30 community colleges with great distinction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that this Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges with appreciation the devoted service and valuable achievements of Andrew J. Matonak to Hudson Valley Community College and the State University of New York; and be it further

Resolved that this Board of Trustees does hereby extend its greatest appreciation to Dr. Matonak whose work will live on, to his wife, Karen Matonak, and his daughter Taylor, who was also a student at Hudson Valley Community College while her father was president. Our friend and colleague Drew will be missed by the SUNY family.