The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York met on September 15, 2020 via conference call pursuant to a notice sent by the Office of the Secretary of the University on September 8, 2020.

**September 15, at 12:00 pm**

**Trustees Present:**
Chairman Tisch, Vice Chair Perales, Trustee Belluck, Trustee Burke, Trustee Corngold, Trustee Crespo, Trustee Duffy, Trustee Fogal, Trustee Haddon, Trustee Hoyte, Trustee Kay, Trustee Lewin, Trustee Litow, Trustee Socarides, Trustee Spiro, Trustee Staller, and Trustee Varlack.

**Others Present:**
Chancellor Malatras, Sandra Casey, Johanna Duncan -Poitier, Robert Megna, Tod Laursen, John Graham, Stephanie Fargnoli, Grace Wang and Robert Haelen.

**CONVENCING OF PUBLIC MEETING**
Chairman Tisch convened the Public Meeting at 12:00 pm, which was held via conference call. Secretary Mero then called the roll of members, at which time Chairman Tisch declared a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Approval of Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York from August 17, August 18 and August 21, 2020 via conference call, Secretary Mero asked the board if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes.

Secretary asked for a motion to approve
Upon motion by Trustee Duffy
Seconded by Chairman Tisch
Secretary declared that the minutes are approved.

The Chairman welcomed Chancellor Malatras and congratulated him on his new position.

Chancellor Malatras shared his plan for his first 100 days. Areas of attention include; health and safety: on-going COVID-19 response, creating a more student-centric SUNY, increasing diversity, equity and inclusion, and community engagement to develop policy and budget priorities. He reported he has visited 15 campuses so far
CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
At 12:27 pm, Chairman Tisch called for an Executive Session under provisions of Section 105 of the Public Officers Law
Upon motion by Trustee Duffy
Seconded by Trustee Litow
It was unanimously agreed to convene Executive Session

RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Board returned to public session at 12:54 pm
No actions were taken in Executive Session.

The floor is turned over to Chancellor Malatras to present a Commendation for Upstate Medical and introduce President Dewan.

President Dewan addressed the group and gave thanks for the recognition and strong support of Upstate Medical.

Resolution: Commendation of Upstate Medical University

Resolved the State University of New York Board of Trustees commends the State University of New York Upstate Medical University and Interim President Mantosh Dewan for their exceptional leadership in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

(2020-49)

Secretary Mero called for approval of the resolution
Motion made by Trustee Lewin
Seconded by Trustee Varlack
Secretary Mero declared the resolution approved

Resolution: Appointment of Ellen M. Gambino as Acting President of Dutchess Community College

Resolved that the appointment of Ellen M. Gambino as Acting President of Dutchess Community College, by the Dutchess Community College Board of Trustees, effective September 17, 2020, at a salary of $163,633, be, and hereby is, approved. This appointment will continue until September 30, 2021, or until the Board of Trustees, by resolution, approves the appointment of a permanent president, whichever comes first.

(2020-50)

Secretary asked for the motion to approve the resolution
Upon motion by Trustee Duffy
Seconded by Trustee Litow
Secretary Mero declared that the resolution is approved.

Resolution: Designation of Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III as President Emeritus, SUNY Old Westbury
Whereas President Butts served successfully for 20 years as the longest-serving president in the history of Old Westbury; and
Whereas Dr. Butts directed a period of tremendous growth at the College, highlighted by the introduction of the highest admissions standards on record for the College and enrollment growth of more than 1,800 students since 1999; and
Whereas Under President Butts’ leadership in the Fall 2019, the College achieved its largest student enrollment in its history with 5,128 students in attendance; and
Whereas President Butts grew full-time faculty from 113 to more than 170; and
Whereas President Butts introduced graduate programs at the College, which now boast some 300 students studying in 19 master’s degree programs, the online version of the M.S. in Accounting – the College’ first online delivery of a degree program, three new undergraduate programs (Adolescence education: Social Students, Biochemistry, and Visual Arts: Electronic media, introduced the First year Student Engagement Program (2007) and Introduced the Honors College (2008); and
Whereas President Butts has led more than $200 million in new capital construction and renovation projects for the campus; and Whereas President Butts is a 9-time honoree on the U.S. President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the College’s academically embedded civic engagement program for first-time-to-college students; and
Whereas Under President Butts’ leadership, SUNY Old Westbury earned in 2018, 2019, and 2020 the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, one of only 96 institutions of higher education across the nation to receive the honor. This is the only national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion across their campus.
Whereas Under President Butts’ leadership, the college ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the highest college’s in Campus Diversity for 19 consecutive years, for graduating students with among the lowest debt levels among colleges of its type nationwide (2008, 2009), and among “10 Colleges that Lead to Graduate School” (2011); and
Resolved that Dr. Calvin O. Butts, Ill be designated President Emeritus of the State University of New York College at Old Westbury in recognition of his past service effective September 15, 2020.

(2020-51)

Secretary asked for the motion to approve the resolution
Upon motion by Trustee Lewin
Seconded by Trustee Duffy
Chairman declared that the resolution is approved.

Dr. Calvin O. Butts addressed the group to give thanks for the honor.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Academic Medical Centers and Hospitals Committee
Stephanie Fargnoli provided an update on surveillance testing for COVID-19 on campuses. Each campus submitted surveillance testing plans to SUNY Administration for approval. Plans focused on how testing would occur, the frequency and percentages of students of students that will be tested over the course of the semester.
She reported on the COVID Case Tracker Dashboard. A centralized dashboard with real time up to date information on COVID cases testing and quarantine and isolation space availability across the system. It is being used to monitor and assess the risk of outbreak on campuses.

**Community Colleges Committee**
Chancellor Malatras began by sharing information regarding the workforce development programs that have been implemented on community college campuses.

Johanna Duncan-Poitier reported on safety, creating a more student-centric SUNY, and increasing diversity, equity and inclusion.

**Student Life Committee**
Trustee Lewin reported on residential life reopening
As of September 1, 2020 SUNY, housed 41,000 students on state operated campuses, 60% capacity with 2000 beds reserved for quarantine.
Resident Life Directors and Directors of Student Life have collaborated with student leaders to design virtual programming and socially distant outdoor activities.
She went on to report that SUNY is partnering with the New York State College Health Association to convene a virtual meeting focused on college students suicide prevention.

**Academic Affairs Committee**
Trustee Litow reported on enrollment decline, final numbers will be available in November 2020.
Provost Laursen reported that the Preliminary Enrollment Survey Results showed that enrollment was down approximately 5.7% in the fall 2020.

Provost Laursen introduced a resolution for degree authorization

**Resolution: Degree Authorization for the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry**

Resolved that the Chancellor be, and hereby is, directed to seek the authorization of the New York State Board of Regents for the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry to confer the Master of Engineering degree.

(2020-52)

Trustee Litow called for approval of the resolution
Motion made by Trustee Litow
Seconded by Chairman Tisch
Trustee Litow declared the resolution approved

Chairman Tisch then introduced the final resolution for adoption,

**Resolution: Amendments to 8 NYCRR Section 302.18: Waiver of Application Fees for Military and Military-Connected Students**
Resolved that 8 NYCRR section 302.18 be, and hereby is, amended as set forth below (brackets denote old material to be deleted; underlining denotes new material to be added): Section 302.18. Waiver of application fees for military [veterans and spouses] and military-connected students. The admissions application fee shall be waived for all eligible military veterans, active-duty military, reserve and national guard members, and spouses and dependents of such eligible individuals, [military veterans,] as defined by the chancellor or designee, who apply for admission to a SUNY State-operated campus

(2020-53)

Secretary Mero called for approval of the resolution
Motion made by Trustee Litow
Seconded by Trustee Duffy
Secretary Mero declared the resolution approved

ADJOURNMENT
Secretary Mero then asked for a motion to adjourn
Motion by Trustee Duffy
Seconded by Vice Chair Perales
The Chairman declared meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.