



The State University  
of New York

Minutes of Meetings of the Board of Trustees  
of State University of New York  
March 28, 2012  
(Subject-to-Correction)

The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York met on March 28, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the State University of New York College at Brockport, Brockport, New York, pursuant to calls sent by the Office of the Secretary of the University on March 9, 2012.

**March 28, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.**

Trustees present: Chairman McCall, Ms. Beachner, Dr. Ehrenberg, Dr. Good, Mrs. Lewin, Dr. Lichtman, Dr. O'Brien, Ms. Sanford, Mr. Staller, Mrs. Warren-Merrick,

Trustees Present via video (NYC): Mr. Hunt, Mr. Spielvogel

Trustee Present via video (Syracuse): Mr. Murad

Trustees absent: Mr. Belluck

Also present: Chancellor Zimpher; Provost Lavalley; Mrs. Duncan-Poitier; Mr. Howard, Mr. Hutzley, Ms. LoTurco, Ms. Hengsterman

1. CONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. McCall convened the Public Meeting at 10:03 a.m. which was held at the State University of New York, College at Brockport, Brockport, New York. It was noted there were thirteen members participating, including two non-voting members in person, and three trustees participating via video from NYC and Syracuse. Mr. McCall declared a quorum and stated there will be a number of resolutions and several personnel matters to act on.

2. CONVENING OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:05 a.m., Mr. McCall called for an Executive Session under provisions of Section 105 of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, as follows:

- (1) (d) "discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation";
- (1) (f) "the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation."

Upon motion of Mrs. Warren-Merrick, seconded by Mrs. Lewin, it was unanimously agreed to convene an Executive Session for the purposes specified by Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall recessed the Executive Session at 12:35 p.m.

3. RECONVENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

On March 28, 2012 at 1:02 p.m. Mr. McCall reconvened the Public Meeting, which was held at the State University of New York, College at Brockport, Brockport, New York. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Trustees Present: Chairman McCall, Ms. Beachner, Dr. Ehrenberg, Dr. Good, Mrs. Lewin, Dr. Lichtman, Dr. O'Brien, Ms. Sanford, Mr. Staller, Mrs. Warren-Merrick,

Trustees Present via video (NYC): Mr. Hunt, Mr. Spielvogel

Trustees absent: Mr. Belluck; Mr. Murad

Also present: Chancellor Zimpher; Provost Lavalley; Mrs. Duncan-Poitier; Mr. Howard, Mr. Hutzley, Ms. LoTurco, Ms. Hengsterman

Chairman McCall acknowledged and thanked Trustee O'Brien for being one of the hosts at Brockport. He acknowledged Ann Marie Murray, President of Herkimer Community College, and Scott Turner, President of the College Council of SUNY College at Brockport. Chairman McCall thanked President Halstead and his wife for hosting the Board of Trustees

meeting, for his leadership at Brockport, and for sharing with the Trustees the wonderful achievements at Brockport. He then invited President Halstead to share with the group all the activities happening at Brockport.

President Halstead thanked the audience and all the members of the Board of Trustees for their support over the years. He recognized that these last few years have been challenging and acknowledged that it could not be done without the Board's help and guidance. President Halstead provided the group with a summary of where the College at Brockport is today and where they are heading in the future. He gave an overview of the various projects going on at the campus, including the construction of a new state of the art facility supporting academic programs, recreation, and 23 sports, for which the grand opening will occur on September 14, 2012. In addition, there will be a new academic building, set to be occupied in 2014. Shortly thereafter, the campus is preparing for new science and research facilities as well as various renovation and upgrades to other buildings throughout the campus.

President Halstead concluded his remarks by thanking everyone and launched Brockport's multi-media communications message titled "Pursue Something Greater".

#### 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. McCall highlighted some of the activities he has been involved in since the last Board meeting, including SUNY Day and the Student Showcase. SUNY Day allowed campus presidents and student leaders to engage in advocacy efforts with legislative leaders and officials in the Governor's office to talk about SUNY's needs and to seek support for SUNY's goals.

The Student Showcase highlighted research projects students were working on throughout the SUNY Campuses. Mr. McCall indicated that these events truly highlighted

what the Power of SUNY is all about. He mentioned that the reception SUNY gets now is all thanks to the efforts of the Chancellor and the active SUNY Board members. He thanked his colleagues for their leadership.

Mr. McCall then called on Chancellor Zimpher for her report to the Board.

#### 5. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Zimpher began her report by thanking the Chairman for exercising such great advocacy for SUNY. She acknowledged Ken O'Brien and thanked President Halstead for hosting. Chancellor Zimpher asked President Halstead to share with the group his recent visit to Washington D.C.

President Halstead summarized his visit to Washington, D.C, in which he represented SUNY. He said the visit included meetings with legislators and a roundtable discussion, focusing on policy issues with members of President Obama's administration. The session he attended began with the Chief of Public Engagement, John Carson and included Tony Miller, Deputy Secretary of Education, representing Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. They outlined President Obama's priorities from his cradle to career agenda to race to the top, teacher preparation, remediation, and STEM. He indicated these were some of the same themes the Chancellor echoed in her visit to the White House.

Chancellor Zimpher continued her report and summarized some of her recent activities highlighted in the good news pamphlet. She described a few of the accomplishments which included the formation of the Distinguished Academy, the creation of a Tobacco-Free SUNY taskforce, fundraising efforts, the new SUNY Passport app for smart phones, and Vibrant Community service activities.

Chancellor Zimpher mentioned the Governor's recent announcement of Phase II of NYSUNY2020, which opens the competition to all the SUNY campuses. She also briefly summarized her recent trip to Malaysia on behalf of SUNY and the New York Academy of Sciences to talk about Cradle to Career, aiming at sealing the leaks in the education pipeline. The Chancellor's other recent international trip to China and Korea included the opening of SUNY Korea, in partnership with SUNY Stony Brook University and the SUNY Global center, and on behalf of all campuses, as part of a campus in Korea that intends to host multiple international campuses. Stony Brook has led the way with SUNY Korea, which is the first campus being built by the Korean hosts, becoming the most unique relationship SUNY has around the world.

Chancellor Zimpher then announced her recommendation for the next President of Fredonia. She congratulated the candidate and summarized her qualifications before the resolution was presented to the Board for approval.

Appointment of Dr. Virginia Schaefer Horvath as President at the State University of New York College at Fredonia

Upon motion of Dr. Ehrenberg, seconded by Ms. Beachner, the following resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Resolved that the appointment of Dr. Virginia Schaefer Horvath as President of the State University of New York College at Fredonia, at a State salary of \$205,000 effective on or about July 1, 2012, upon the retirement of Dennis Hefner from that position, be and hereby is, approved. Dr. Horvath will reside in a campus owned house and be provided the use of a campus owned car.

(2012-010)

Chairman McCall invited Frank Pagano, former Mayor of Fredonia, and President of the Fredonia College Council, to say a few words.

Mr. Pagano thanked the Chairman and recognized that Dr. Horvath will be the first female president at Fredonia. He mentioned the campus is looking forward to her service to the System. He thanked President Halstead for his hospitality and invited all to have a meeting at Fredonia.

Chairman McCall then invited Dr. Horvath to say a few words. Dr. Horvath thanked all for the opportunity and stated she is committed to the students at the campus and those in the Western region. She concluded by stating she looks forward to being a partner and is ready to deliver the important Power of SUNY.

#### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### Approval of Minutes of the Board's Meeting Held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Upon motion of Mrs. Warren-Merrick, seconded by Mrs. Lewin, the proposed minutes were approved by affirmative votes from all present as the official minutes of the meetings held.

#### 7. RESOLUTION

##### Revision of By-Laws

Upon motion of Dr. Ehrenberg, seconded by Dr. Lichtman, the following resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Resolved that the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, adopted July 14, 1955 by Resolution 55-62, as last amended by Resolution 2011-096, adopted September 20, 2011, be, and the same hereby are, amended to add to Article I thereof new section 6 and to amend Article III thereof to read as follows (brackets denote old material to be deleted; underlining denotes new material to be added):

(6) Non-voting Members. A non-voting member shall not be included in the number of members required to constitute a quorum of the Board or any of its committees, and the presence of a non-voting member shall not be counted to determine whether a quorum is present for a meeting of the Board or any of its committees. Whenever in these By-Laws reference is made to an act of the majority of members, an act of the majority of members shall mean an act of the

majority of members other than the non-voting member(s). A non-voting member may chair a committee of the Board, and as chair may exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, including making or seconding resolutions, but may not vote upon resolutions.

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### ARTICLE III COMMITTEES

The Chairman or Board of Trustees may establish and constitute such standing and special committees as [it] the Chairman or Board may from time to time deem desirable, to function until discharged by the Chairman or the Board, as the case may be.  
(2012-011)

#### 8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman McCall called upon Mr. Howard for the resolutions from the consent agenda from the committees.

Upon motion of Ms. Sanford, seconded by Mrs. Warren-Merrick, the following resolutions were approved by affirmative votes from all present.

#### Establishment of the State University of New York (SUNY) Distinguished Academy

Whereas the State University of New York Board of Trustees has proudly established a historic tradition of acknowledging and honoring extraordinary faculty achievement through appointment to Distinguished Faculty Rank; and

Whereas the appointment to Distinguished Faculty Rank at the state-operated campuses is both a system-wide distinction and a promotion in rank; and

Whereas the SUNY Board of Trustees and Chancellor Zimpher have extended SUNY's highest tribute to the Community Colleges in recognition of the extraordinary contributions and achievements of faculty in this sector; and

Whereas the SUNY Board of Trustees has the authority to bestow system-wide distinctions; now, therefore, be it,

Resolved that the Chancellor is directed to establish a SUNY Distinguished Academy with membership of all active Distinguished faculty that have been so appointed by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Resolved that the SUNY Distinguished Academy will strive to honor the accomplishments of all Distinguished faculty.

Resolved that the Chancellor, following the Distinguished faculty established policies and procedures, will develop appropriate ways for all Distinguished faculty to help raise or ensure academic excellence within the State University.

(2012-012)

#### State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds

Whereas pursuant to State Finance Law Art. 5-C, enacted by Ch. 383, Pt. I, L. 2001, Public Authorities Law Art. 8, Title 4, a State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds (Education) General Bond Resolution, adopted by the Dormitory Authority on July 24, 2002, and a State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds (General Purpose) General Bond Resolution, adopted by the Dormitory Authority on April 29, 2009, the Dormitory Authority is authorized to issue bonds, from time to time, the debt service of which is payable from a portion of the State's personal income tax revenues, to finance State University educational facilities, the State share of the cost of capital facilities of community colleges under the program of the State University, and capital facilities of other entities; and

Whereas by Resolution 2002-90, adopted August 8, 2002, the State University Board of Trustees authorized the execution and delivery of a proposed Disbursement and Use Agreement with respect to the State University educational facilities, among the State University, the State University Construction Fund, and the Dormitory Authority; and, with respect to the State share of the cost of capital facilities of community colleges under the program of the State University, approved the form of a disbursement and use agreement between each community college under the program of the State University, the local sponsor of each such community college, and the Dormitory Authority; and

Whereas it is necessary to finance the cost of State University educational facilities as hereinafter provided; and

Whereas it is necessary to finance the State share of the cost of capital facilities of community colleges under the program of the State University as hereinafter provided; and

Whereas the Dormitory Authority proposes to issue State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, in one or more series, from time to time, for the acquisition, construction and improvement of State University educational facilities, to finance the State share of the cost of capital facilities of community colleges under the program of the State University, and to finance capital facilities of other entities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Chancellor, or designee be, and hereby is, authorized to execute, deliver and otherwise provide any and all certifications, approvals, assurances or other documents, and to take steps necessary and appropriate to enable the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to issue State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, from time to time, for the acquisition, construction and improvement of State University educational facilities and to finance the State

share of capital facilities of community colleges under the program of the State University, in amounts authorized by the State Division of the Budget to support expenditures with respect to the State's 2012-13 fiscal year, consistent with the provisions of the State's Multi-year Capital Financial Plan and enacted multi-year capital financing plan appropriations.

(2012-013)

Acquisition of Property - State University of New York  
College at New Paltz

Whereas it is necessary for the purposes of the State University of New York College at New Paltz to acquire real property hereinafter described; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the real property situated at 82 South Manheim Boulevard, New Paltz, New York, be purchased for a sum not to exceed \$326,000 as established by a proper appraisal, and an accurate survey and approval of title to said real property by the Attorney General; and, be it further

Resolved that the Chancellor, or designee, be, and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents, notices, maps, or any other instruments necessary or appropriate to effect the acquisition of title to and possession of such property.

(2012-014)

Delegation with Respect to the Purchase of Real Property

Whereas Education Law §355(2)(a) authorizes the State University Board to purchase real property for any educational or other purpose within the jurisdiction and corporate purposes of the State University; and

Whereas from time to time the State University has adopted resolutions that authorize the purchase of real property at a maximum amount as established by appraisal and that authorize the Chancellor, or designee, to take all steps necessary to execute and approve documents, notices, maps and other instruments necessary or appropriate to effect the acquisition of title to and possession of such property; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Board of Trustees delegates to the Chancellor, or designee, authority to purchase real property for the State University, for the purposes set forth in Education Law §355(2)(a), for a sum not to exceed \$1 million, as established by appraisal, and to take all steps necessary to execute or approve, all documents, notices, maps, or other instruments necessary or proper to effect the acquisition of title to and possession of such property; and, be it further

Resolved that the Board of Trustees, on its own initiative, may take up any matter delegated by this resolution.

(2012-015)

Delegation with Respect to the Transfer of Jurisdiction of Real Property

Whereas Public Lands Law §3(4) authorizes a State entity, including the State University, to make application to the Commissioner of General Services, for the transfer of jurisdiction of State-owned real property from another State entity to the applying State entity, and to consent to the transfer of jurisdiction of State-owned real property under its jurisdiction to another State entity; and

Whereas from time to time the State University has adopted resolutions that authorize application to the Commissioner of General Services, for the transfer of jurisdiction of State-owned real property from another State entity to the State University, and to consent to the transfer of jurisdiction of State-owned real property under the State University's jurisdiction to another State entity; and that authorize the Chancellor, or designee, to take all steps necessary to execute and approve documents, notices, maps and other instruments necessary or appropriate to effect such transfers of jurisdiction; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Board of Trustees delegates to the Chancellor, or designee, authority to make application to the Commissioner of General Services for the transfer of jurisdiction of State-owned real property from another State entity to the State University, and to consent to the transfer of jurisdiction of State-owned real property, not in excess of the lesser of twenty (20) acres or ten (10%) percent of the total State-owned acreage of the related State University institution, under the State University's jurisdiction to another State entity; and to take all steps necessary to execute and approve documents, notices, maps and other instruments necessary or appropriate to effect such transfers of jurisdiction; and, be it further

Resolved that the Board of Trustees, on its own initiative, may take up any matter delegated by this resolution.

(2012-016)

Delegation with Respect to the Approval  
of Facilities for Regional Community Colleges

Whereas Education Law §6310(10) provides that proposals for the acquisition or construction of facilities for a regional community college shall be approved by the regional college board of trustees, the legislative bodies of the counties participating in the respective community college region, and the State University Board; and

Whereas from time to time the State University has adopted resolutions that approve proposals for the acquisition or construction of facilities for regional community colleges; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Board of Trustees delegates to the Chancellor, or designee, authority to approve proposals in an amount not in excess of \$5,000,000 for the acquisition or construction of facilities for regional community colleges; and, be it further

Resolved that the Board of Trustees, on its own initiative, may take up any matter delegated by this resolution.

(2012-017)

Delegation with Respect to the Abandonment of Real Property

Whereas Public Lands Law §30-a(1) authorizes a State entity, including the State University, to determine that State-owned real property under the jurisdiction of the State entity is no longer necessary or useful to the purposes of the State entity and to declare the same abandoned; and

Whereas from time to time the State University has adopted resolutions that declare abandoned State-owned real property under its jurisdiction, and that authorize the Chancellor, or designee, to take all steps necessary to execute and approve documents, notices, maps and other instruments necessary or proper in order that such real property may be conveyed by the Office of General Services in accordance with Public Lands Law §§33 and 34; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Board of Trustees delegates to the Chancellor, or designee, authority to determine that State-owned real property under the jurisdiction of the State University, not in excess of the lesser of twenty (20) acres or ten (10%) percent of the total State-owned acreage of the related State University institution, is no longer necessary or useful to the purposes of the State University and to declare the same abandoned, and to take all steps necessary to execute or approve documents, notices, maps, or other instruments necessary or proper in order that such real property may be conveyed by the Office of General Services in accordance with Public Lands Law §§33 and 34; and, be it further

Resolved that the Board of Trustees, on its own initiative, may take up any matter delegated by this resolution.

(2012-018)

Delegation with Respect to Easements

Whereas pursuant to Public Lands Law section 3(2), the Commissioner of General Services has authority to grant rights and easements in perpetuity or otherwise in and to State lands, upon the written request of the head of the State entity having jurisdiction over such State land, or of an employee of the State entity designated for such purpose; and

Whereas from time to time the State University has adopted resolutions that authorize the Chancellor, or designee, to take all steps necessary to execute and approve documents necessary to effect the grant of specific easements with respect to lands under the jurisdiction of the State University, including making written request to the Commissioner of General Services to grant such easements; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Board of Trustees delegates to the Chancellor, or designee, authority to take all steps necessary to execute or approve in the name of and on behalf of this Board, all documents, notices, maps, or any other instruments necessary or proper to effect conveyance of utility, highway improvement and telecommunication easements that benefit the related campus, with respect to lands under the jurisdiction of the State University, pursuant to Section 3(2) of the Public Lands Law, including making written request to the Commissioner of General Services to grant such easements; and, be it further

Resolved that the Board of Trustees, on its own initiative, may take up any matter delegated by this resolution.

(2012-019)

Amendment to Community College Operating Budget  
2010-11 Jamestown Community College

Resolved that Res. 2010-120, dated September 15, 2010, be, and the same hereby is, amended to increase State financial assistance for Jamestown Community College for the period September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011, in the amount of \$514,909 from \$8,609,345 to \$9,124,254 with no increase in total operating budget, subject to the limitations on operating costs for purposes of State financial assistance as contained in the "Code of Standards and Procedures for the Administration and Operation of Community Colleges" (Section 602.8 of Title 8 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York), and subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Legislature therefor.

(2012-020)

Use of University Facilities for Commercial Purposes

Whereas it is in the interest of the State University and compatible with the University's Strategic Plan 2010 and Beyond to expand the use of University facilities for entrepreneurial activities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Policy for the Use of University Facilities for Commercial Purposes, copy of which is attached hereto, be, and the same hereby is, approved; and, be it further

Resolved that the existing policy on the use of University facilities by commercial enterprises, promulgated by Resolution 66-156, adopted May 12, 1966, as amended by Resolution 73-56, adopted February 28, 1973, and by Resolution 79-100, adopted May 23, 1979, be, and the same hereby is, repealed.

(2012-021)

9. COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

Academic Affairs

Mrs. Warren-Merrick gave a brief summary of the committee's meeting, which included a report from Mrs. Duncan-Poitier on eliminating the need for remediation, and a review and report on the master plan 2012 from Dr. Bringsjord. Dr. Lavallee also gave the committee a report on "Getting down to Business", with a review of the iron triangle. The five areas are: Student Completion and Success, Strategic Enrollment Management, Transfer Mobility, Online-Education and Remediation.

Awarding of Honorary Degrees

Upon motion of Mrs. Warren-Merrick, seconded by Ms. Beachner, the following resolution was approved by affirmative votes from all present.

Resolved that the candidates for Honorary Degrees set forth in a listing which has been filed with the Secretary of the University under date of March 28, 2012 be, and hereby are, approved for conferral of such degrees on the dates and at the places specified in the listing, in accordance with the Guidelines for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees, as last amended by Resolution 90-49, dated March 29, 1990.

(2012-022)

Academic Medical Centers/Hospitals

Ms. Preston, Associate Vice Chancellor, provided the committee report on behalf of Mr. Murad. She summarized the hospital finances and mentioned that the Governor put \$60 million in the budget for hospitals with the legislature providing an additional \$27.8 million for a total of 87.8 million. Recently, hospitals received \$2 million bringing the grand total to \$89 million. She concluded that great progress was made for hospitals this year.

### Audit

Mr. Hunt reported that the committee received an update on SUNY's compliance effort, including the recent hire of a compliance coordinator and the development of a compliance committee. The University Auditor provided an overview of the results of the State's Federal Single Audit. The audit found that SUNY generally complied with the federal rules and regulations for student financial aid. The auditors also indicated they were not aware of any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls.

KPMG, SUNY's independent external auditors briefed the committee on its audit plan for the audit of the University's 2011-12 financial statements. The auditors provided an overview of their audit approach, a list of campuses they anticipate visiting, and a timeline for completing the engagement. It is anticipated that the audit will continue throughout the summer with an anticipated date of completion of October 2012.

Chairman McCall noted that the audit report did not require any action at this time.

### Communications and External Affairs

Mr. Spielvogel reported to the full Board on the reports presented to the committee. He indicated that Assistant Vice Chancellor Stacey Hengsterman reported to the group on SUNY legislative progress, including budget negotiations and successful SUNY events such as SUNY Day. Mr. Spielvogel also indicated that the Chancellor gave one of the best attended legislative budget testimony presentations in SUNY history.

The committee heard an update from Mr. Frame, Director of Federal Relations, who highlighted efforts in Washington, D.C. and talked about how the office intends to use firms to assist in the securing of agency funding in research. Ms. Price gave a presentation on the SUNY Passport and Mr. Belsky provided the committee with a Communications report. Mr.

Belsky highlighted some of the activities by the Chancellor, who has been engaged in national dialogue around college costs, including appearances on CNN and in the opinion pages of the NY Times, and the impending launch of generation SUNY 2.0.

Since the last meeting, Mr. Spielvogel shared with the group his visits to the University at Albany and its College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, Binghamton University, the statutory colleges at Cornell, and Stony Brook University. He also indicated that he, along with Chairman McCall and Vice Chancellor Leventhal, met with a delegation from the Government of Israel who wants to expand student exchange opportunities between the United States and Israel.

#### Education, College Readiness and Success

Dr. O'Brien indicated that the committee has not met since January 25, 2012. The Charter School Institute has accepted the recommendation for the relocation of Brooklyn Academy School Number 3.

The Committee will meet at the conclusion of the Full Board meeting to take up its agenda.

#### Finance and Administration

Mr. Staller began his report by indicating the committee consulted with the Statutory Colleges regarding the 2012-13 academic year. He indicated that the NYS College of Ceramics at Alfred and Cornell all set their tuition rates, but consult with SUNY.

The committee heard a report on the meeting which took place on March 20<sup>th</sup> on Resource Allocation. There was participation by a number of campuses and he felt there was a sense of collaboration. Vice Chancellor and CFO Brian Hutzley provided an update on the

2012-13 enacted budget, resulting in preliminary discussions. He summarized the resolutions which the committee discussed and passed.

### Research and Economic Development

Ms. Sanford reported that the committee heard a report from Mr. Howard and Mr. Sanders on compliance initiative. Both the RF and SUNY are collaborating on research compliance initiatives which are consistent with federal requirements. SUNY has formed a compliance committee and has hired a compliance administrator. David Lavallee discussed the research catalyst committee. The committee will make recommendations relative to the Empire Innovation Program, the strategic research partnership with a focus on collaborative research across the various campuses. Provost Lavallee also reported that all of the SUNY members of the SUNY Research Council have now been selected. That Council will serve as an advisory body to the Vice Chancellor for Research, as well as Chancellor, Provost and SUNY Trustees, RF Board, as well as SUNY Presidents, considering SUNY strengths across various campuses and research activities and how to best capitalize on those strengths. The Council will be chaired by the RF President once that individual is chosen and announced, and the outside members of that Council will be selected with the substantial input of that new official.

Mr. Hutzley provided an update on the Governor's REDCs and indicated that Chancellor Zimpher is a member of the Chairman's Council for that effort. The Council is aimed at considering strategies relative to specific five major areas: Research Commercialization, Small Business Development, Workforce Development, attracting investment, and regulatory reforms. He also updated the committee on Phase II of NY2020. The RF and SUNY are both working to support the teams.

10. OBSERVER'S REPORT

Pierre Alric, ACT President, reported that President Halstead received the first and special award at the last ACT conference. He recognized Chair Scott Turner, who also serves on the Board of Directors at ACT. Mr. Alric concluded his report by stating he was asked to be a part of the steering committee on shared services.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion of Mrs. Lewin, seconded by Ms. Beachner, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.