

**HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Joint Meeting with the Herkimer County College Foundation Board
November 19, 2015

Chairwoman Crandall called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. in the Hummel Corporate and Professional Education Center, Room 282-283.

Trustees attending: Mr. Ackerman, Dr. Ainsworth, Mr. Barbato, Mr. Brenchley, Mrs. Crandall, Mr. Gregory, Ms. Prymas, Mr. Roche (via video conference), Miss Steele

Trustees absent: Mr. Testa

Foundation Board: Mr. Jim Bono, Mr. Frank Kapusta, Ms. Sevim Morawski, Ms. Rebecca Smith, Mr. Rob Fowler

In Attendance: Dr. McColgin, Dr. Hawes, Mr. Laino, Mrs. Ruffing, Attorney Rob Malone

Vice Chair Crandall welcomed members of the Herkimer County College Foundation Board.

FOUNDATION UPDATE

Mr. Kapusta, President of the Herkimer County College Foundation, gave a background on the Foundation. Through concentrated efforts, the Foundation Board now consists of 15 diverse members and includes two alumni ambassadors—one in Florida, and the other in New York City. Mr. Kapusta spoke about endowments to Herkimer College and Athletics and reviewed the initiatives that were held throughout the year. The Executive Director of the Foundation reports directly to the president of the Foundation with a “dotted line” to the president of the College. The vision of the Foundation is that they not accept past performance to pave the road for the future, but to think creatively and not stay status quo.

Funding for a Campus Master Plan has been approved by the Foundation.

Mr. Kapusta feels that it is the discretion of the President of Herkimer College and the Board of Trustees to define the question of where the Foundation is going. An outline of what the Foundation has provided to the College over the past five years was given.

STARTUP NY

Mr. Kapusta appointed a task force for the StartUp NY program and recommended toward this program 200 of the 300 acres that the Foundation owns.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The Foundation leadership campaign is striving for 100% participation from the leaders of the College. They are currently at 87% of their goal. Mr. Kapusta expressed his appreciation for those who have participated in the Annual Campaign. It was acknowledged that the College and the Foundation need to work together to raise money for the College. Chairwoman Crandall thanked the Foundation for all they have done for Herkimer College.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Ruffing updated both boards on plans, activities and projects, which are pending financial support, for the College's 50th anniversary. There was a discussion about having a signature event. Trustee Ainsworth and Chairwoman Crandall thanked Mrs. Ruffing and the committee for their efforts in the planning of the 50th anniversary.

Mr. Gregory moved to adjourn the joint Foundation and Board of Trustees meeting at 7:22 p.m. and move directly into the regular Board of Trustees meeting agenda.

Ms. Prymas seconded the motion.

Vote-Unanimous

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