

**HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Special Meeting – January 18, 2023**

Secretary Prymas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Robert McLaughlin College Center, Room 282/283.

**Trustees Attending:** Dr. Ainsworth; Mrs. Crandall (virtual); Mr. Gregory (virtual); Mr. Poulos; Ms. Prymas Mr. Reardon; Mr. Russell; Mr. Stalteri; Mr. Testa

**In Attendance:** Dr. McColgin; Mr. Laino

**NYCCT and NYCCAP Advocacy Efforts**

Dr. McColgin reported that the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) and the New York Community College Association of Presidents (NYCCAP) are working together on an advocacy request for the 2023 state budget. The request contains three parts:

1. The Floor: fund SUNY Community Colleges at 100% of the 2022-2023 levels
2. Additional Operational Aid: a 4% addition to the floor to mitigate inflationary impacts
3. Additional Investment: continue \$60M in funding to enhance student support services, develop high-needs programs, increase enrollment investments, and improve campus facilities.

It was stressed that SUNY and elected officials are sharing the same message and are requesting the same amount.

Herkimer College will be hosting an Advocacy Breakfast on February 23<sup>rd</sup> where local state officials will have an opportunity to hear from students and board members.

**College Now**

In follow-up to the roundtable discussion with Herkimer County guidance counselors:

- Online registration: Continuing students can register online. Admissions and IT are working to create online registration for new students. Currently, the application for this semester will be paper, but everyone will be able to register online by fall. Staff from Advisement are going to high schools to identify which courses students should register for.
- College Now: Herkimer County guidance counselors will be meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> at the College. In an effort to make College Now students feel part of the campus community, guidance counselors will be asked about an end-of-year celebration for high school students and their parents to celebrate their earned credit hours. There will also be a College Now basketball night at one of the home games.
- October 19, 2022 – Little Falls 4<sup>th</sup> graders participated in electrical technology programs.

- November 9, 2022 – P-Tech students participated in an evening program and toured the campus.
- November 21, 2022 – Herkimer High School students attended multiple courses on campus, received a T-shirt, lunch and a tour of the campus.

Trustee Prymas asked if the College Now and Admissions departments are communicating with one another. Dr. McColgin will look into this.

### **US Department of Labor “Strengthening Community Colleges” Grant**

Onondaga Community College is the lead on this approved grant (almost \$400,000), which focuses on health care and Human Services programs to increase access and accelerating Pathways.

### **New Academic Programs**

Public Relations and Mr. McDonald will meet with John Piseck this week to discuss promoting academic programs that lead to jobs, with a focus on regional needs and building outward.

Potential collaboration may exist with HCIDA to explore what types of workforce development and training are needed and what is lacking.

### **SUNY Global IDs**

There was a discussion about converting to another software program for board members to access secure board documents from now that Generals Online (GO) is no longer supported. Dr. McColgin will bring the board more information at the next meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Russell moved, at 6:49 p.m., that the board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss, under provisions of Section 105e of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law; and Section 105f of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Mr. Testa seconded the motion.

Vote-Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Mr. Russell made a motion to accept a Memorandum of Agreement with the Herkimer County Community College Administrative Association regarding the sick bank.

Mrs. Crandall seconded the motion.

Vote-Unanimous

Mr. Russell made a motion to accept a Memorandum of Agreement with the Herkimer County Community College Administrative Association regarding positions.

Mr. Gregory seconded the motion.

Vote-Unanimous

At 8:48 p.m., Mr. Russell moved that the board reconvene.  
Mr. Stalteri seconded the motion.  
Vote-Unanimous. Motion adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Ainsworth moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Mr. Gregory seconded the motion.  
Vote-Unanimous. Motion adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.