

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON ARTS, EDUCATION, TOURISM AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS,
HELD AT ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON JUNE 6, 2007**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

*SUSAN ZIMET, Chairwoman
ALAN LOMITA
MARY SHEELEY
BRIAN CAHILL
GARY BISCHOFF*

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

*CLAIRE BURLINGHAM, Dean of Administration, Ulster County Community College
JANET SALANITRI, Recorder*

A quorum being present, and following the Public Hearing held on the 2007-08 budget for Ulster County Community College, a motion to open this Special Meeting was made by Leg. Cahill and seconded by Leg. Sheeley and Chairwoman Zimet called the meeting to order at 8:35pm

The first order of business was the presentation by Claire Burlingham, Dean of Administration of Ulster County Community College, of the proposed Resolution of Ulster County Community College for the approval of its 2007-2008 budget as follows:

'WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Ulster County Community College has requested approval of the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2007 and ending August 31, 2008, pursuant to the laws and rules applicable thereto, and

WHEREAS, the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature does hereby approve said Budget, as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature, in the amount of \$25,649,511.00 providing for a contribution by the County through a tax levy for the year 207 in the amount of \$6,005,863.00,

(Budget Resolution continuation)

and moves its adoption.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$25,649,511.00 – UCCC APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$19,643,648.00 – UCCC REVENUE DOLLARS

\$6,005,863.00 – COUNTY CONTRIBUTION FOR 2007-2008”

A motion to approve the proposed Resolution as presented was made by Leg. Cahill and seconded by Leg. Sheeley. Upon Chairwoman Zimet calling for a voice vote, the Resolution as presented was unanimously approved.

Dean Burlingham then presented a proposed Resolution supporting the continuation of an active collaboration between the Ulster County Community College and the Ulster County Department of Social Services for the purposes of providing training and education to Ulster County’s public assistance recipients as follows:

“WHEREAS, the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee, in the belief that training and education are key to the ability of persons to become self-sustaining, expresses its support for the continuation of an active collaboration between the Ulster County Community College and the Ulster County Department of Social Services for the purposes of providing said training to Ulster County’s public assistance recipients, and

WHEREAS, the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee requests that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services or his Deputies meet expeditiously with the appropriate staff members of the Ulster County Community College to ensure the continued availability of college programs and the requisite counseling and support services to those 20 clients who are currently enrolled, and,

WHEREAS, that a new design that will ensure a continuation of identification, assessment, and enrollment of new clients into credit, non-credit, or essential skills programs be drafted and educated in time for those public assistance recipients to enroll for the upcoming Fall 2007 semester.

WHEREAS, in recognition of the longstanding DSS Employee Training Program agreement between the College and the Department for the training, education and skills upgrade of Department employees, it is requested that the Department continue to actively employ said agreement as part of its efforts to improve its service to its constituents and increase its effectiveness and efficiency as a County Department, and

WHEREAS, the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Arts, Education, Tourism and Community Relations Committee requests that both the Commissioner of Social Services and the College President report to their respective Legislative committees on the progress that they are making to implement this request,

And moves its adoption.

*FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE”*

A general discussion of the proposed Resolution ensued and Dean Burlingham agreed to supply the Committee with a bulleted list of high points prior to the general meeting of the Legislature. A motion to approve the proposed Resolution as presented was made by Leg. Bischoff and seconded by Leg. Lomita and upon Chairwoman Zimet calling for a voice vote the Resolution was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Leg. Cahill and seconded by Leg. Bischoff and Chairwoman Zimet declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet Salanitri, Recorder