

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE MEETING

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Education, Culture and Economic Affairs
DATE: March 24, 1999
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: Ulster County Community College
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Dunn and Legislators Every, Felicello, Gerentine, Jennings, J. Naccarato, Donaldson and Provenzano
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator Magarelli
OTHERS ATTENDING: Barbara Adams, President, UCCC; Gordon Howatt, Dean of Administration, UCCC; Irene MacPherson, Director of Marketing, UCDC and Lydia Reidy, Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension

ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm following several presentations by UCCC Faculty Georgia Buckles and Dr. Margaret Ordansky of the use of technology in the classroom. Information Technology Director Tim Marshall gave a review of the College Home Page and the world wide accessibility of our students for great works of art and music via the Internet.

Chairman Dunn called on Dean Howatt to present resolutions and information for UCCC. Dean Howatt presented the first resolution which increased the College 1998-99 operating budget from \$16,893,796 to \$17,543,996 and briefly explained the changes. There are no additional funds being requested from Ulster County or the State of New York. Motion offered by Leg. Felicello, seconded by Leg. Provenzano to approve resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean Howatt introduced the second resolution to award a bid contract for a roof replacement on Building No. 12 at the Stone Ridge Campus in the amount of \$50,054 to IC Construction, Inc., 120 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571. Motion offered by Leg. Gerentine, seconded by Leg. Donaldson to approve resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean Howatt indicated there were grant reports on new grants and changes to existing grants in the packet from the College.

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ULSTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Chairman Dunn called upon Irene MacPherson, Director of Marketing at Ulster County Development Corporation for a report. Ms. MacPherson indicated there was a lot of activity at the UCDC with many new potential relocations by companies expanding their operations. At present, there were significant explorations ongoing for building sites in Ulster County. UCDC is extremely busy and with the College Technology Program, there was added educational incentives for companies to locate in Ulster County.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION:

Chairman Dunn called upon Lydia Reidy, Executive Director of the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Ms. Reidy distributed a packet of material and briefly covered each item. They included Spring Garden Day '99, Volunteer Recognition Reception, Order form for seedlings, Second Annual 4-H Golf Classic, Bunny Basics, Satellite Video and Eighth Annual Making Healthful Decisions Symposium.

Ms. Reidy also reported on the Kelder Farm fire and the community support needed for the family. Also mentioned was the bank foreclosure sale of the largest apple farm in Highland. Leg. Gerentine indicated that the bank purchased the tract. Several groups are working to save the farm as open space. Lastly, there was a 4-H public presentation on March 20 at which Leg. Provenzano was a judge. Some 100 youngsters participated in the two-day event.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Legislator Provenzano asked about the status of the Community Values resolution authored by her and Leg. Magarelli. Chairman Dunn indicated there were some revisions which were being circulated at this time and the resolution would be coming before the committee shortly.

There being no further items to discuss, a motion offered by Leg. Jennings and seconded by Leg. Naccarato to adjourn the meeting was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Gordon H. Howatt, Jr., Dean of Administration
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On behalf of Vincent Dunn, Chairman
Education, Culture & Economic Affairs Committee