

# WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: **COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

DATE: **APRIL 11, 2007**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Supervisors Champagne  
Sheehan  
Stec  
Tessier  
Gabriels

**Others Present:**

Representing Adirondack Community College:  
William Long, Vice President for  
Administrative Services  
Dr. Marshall Bishop, President  
J. Lawrence Paltowitz, Esq., Bartlett, Pontiff,  
Stewart and Rhodes, P.C.  
Joan Parsons, Management Analyst  
Paul Dusek, County Attorney  
Hal Payne, Commissioner of Administrative  
and Fiscal Services  
Richard Murphy, Deputy Commissioner of Fiscal  
Services  
Chairman Thomas  
Supervisors Caimano  
Sokol  
F. Thomas  
VanNess  
Nicole Livingston, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Todd Lunt, Human Resources Director  
Charlene DiResta, Legislative Office Specialist

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Mr. Champagne called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Mr. William Long, Vice President of Administrative Services for Adirondack Community College (ACC). Mr. Long requested that the Committee enter Executive Session, in order to discuss matters pertaining to collective negotiations.

Motion was made Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. Tessier and carried unanimously, that executive session be declared pursuant to Section 105 (e) of the Public Officers Law.

Executive Session was declared from 11:01 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Mr. F. Thomas entered the executive session at 11:12 a.m.

Committee reconvened.

Richard Murphy, Deputy Commissioner of Fiscal Services entered the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Pursuant to executive session, motion was made by Mr. Gabriels, seconded by Mr. Tessier

and carried unanimously to approve the Faculty Contract as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the next Board Meeting.

Continuing with Item No. 2a on the Agenda, Mr. Long advised the Committee that the State University of New York (SUNY) budget allotted for \$150 per full-time enrollment. He stated that the requested 40% State share was an ongoing issue. Mr. Long apprised the Committee that he was an executive for the Business Officer's Association and a Marshall on the President's Association. Those groups, he continued, had discussed with the Chancellor the possibility of coming closer to the requested 40% State share. He stated that \$150 per full-time enrollment was more than ACC had received over the past five years, with the exception of one of those years.

In response to a question asking what percentage the college currently received from the State, Dr. Marshall Bishop, President of ACC, responded that it was approximately 32%.

Continuing with Item No. 2b on the Agenda, Mr. Long stated that ACC had solicited input from all of the departments. He explained that ACC was using the new Banner Budget Process this year. He stated that it was a better process, once they had learned the procedures, but they had not used it fully in the past. He said the hope was that the new process would not cause any timing delays. Decisions on the budget would be made in the next couple of weeks, he continued. Mr. Long notified the Committee that he would have information for them in May or June pertaining to discussions with the Finance Board of Directors at ACC.

Mr. VanNess entered the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Pursuant to Item No. 3 on the Agenda, Deferred Maintenance Capital Projects, Mr. Long suggested a joint Committee meeting with Warren and Washington County Board of Supervisors, as well as ACC Board of Directors, be scheduled to discuss the plan. He stated, when the Governor first submitted the budget, ACC was told that there were no capital dollars. Mr. Long said that a couple of weeks ago when he was at SUNY, the Chief Financial Officer had said that there may be some capital dollars available.

Concluding with Item No. 4 on the Agenda, Mr. Long reminded the Committee that ACC has had a five year capital plan for 2003-2008, that was coming to an end. He added that if resolutions from both Warren and Washington Counties were provided supporting the capital plan for 2008-2013, ACC would be in line for the funding that may be available from the State. He continued that it was time to prepare for the 2008-2013 capital plan. He stated that resolutions were needed in order to appropriate some of the funding from the State.

Mr. Champagne reminded the Committee that the operations formula that was used was a comparison of the percentage of enrollment of Warren County students verses the percentage of Washington County students attending ACC. The other part of the formula, he stated, was the 70/30 split between Warren and Washington Counties. He continued that any deferred maintenance that could be built into the operations formula would put

Warren County in a preferential position.

Mr. Long clarified that it was a difference of 50 cents on the dollar one way and 70 cents on the dollar the other way. He stated that it would be beneficial to both Warren and Washington Counties to take advantage of the available State funding. He stated that ACC had incorporated funds into the budget for maintenance of high cost items that qualified for the 50% match from the State. He continued that ACC budgeted over \$300,000 each year for maintenance. He stated that adding an elevator to the operations budget would cost an additional \$160,000 to \$180,000.

Mr. Champagne stated the Committee was willing to take a look at the deferred maintenance; however they would need to consider some of the goals that were being set for ACC.

Mr. Long stated that ACC was intending to put more funds into the operating budget. He added that he and Dr. Bishop had tried to keep the budget close to the requirements of both Washington and Warren Counties.

Mr. Champagne asked when Mr. Long would know what the 2008 capital funding from State would be.

Mr. Long answered that all of the individual community colleges would forward resolutions of what their needs were for the next five years. He continued that the executives and the Board from ACC would then go over the Master Plan and identify which projects would be completed from that plan. He added that deferred maintenance was part of the Master Plan and that ACC wanted to rehabilitate some of its' buildings.

Mr. F. Thomas left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Mr. Long stated that if ACC had obtained resolutions before the dispute between the two counties, the monies would have been available for the deferred maintenance costs.

Dr. Bishop stated that there were unexpended funds in the 2003-2008 capital plan for ACC. He continued that the funds had been allocated but had not been used. He advised the Committee that the State would try to reclaim those funds and reallocate them. He stated that if ACC had the necessary resolutions they would be in line to receive some of the reallocated funds.

Mr. Champagne asked Mr. Long if he would set the joint Committee meeting with Warren and Washington County Board of Supervisors, as well as the ACC Board of Directors soon, and Mr. Long affirmed.

Mr. Long reminded the Committee of the upcoming annual dinner and invited all Supervisors to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Mr. Gabriels and seconded by Mr. Tessier, Mr. Champagne adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlene DiResta, Legislative Office Specialist