SUNY New Paltz Council Meeting February 9, 2023

<u>Voting Members Present</u>: Mr. Basch, Mr. Bettez, Dr. Venables, Mr. Law, Mr. Uchitelle, Ms. Noble, Ms. Hicks (Student Association president), Dr. Scott-Childress (non-voting faculty representative) and Ms. Bishop (non-voting alumni representative). Guests: Megan Smailer, director of design & construction; Gail Beltrone, assistant vice president for facilities management.

<u>Campus Administration Present:</u> President Wheeler; Interim Provost Lyman; Vice Presidents Blaisdell, Halstead, Pacheco Dunn, and Wright.

Interim Chairman's Report:

- Mr. Basch called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
- Mr. Basch welcomed Mr. Uchitelle, who is a newly appointed member of the Council, an Ulster County Legislator and SUNY New Paltz alumnus. Mr. Uchitelle introduced himself and then Mr. Basch asked the other Council members to do the same.
- Mr. Basch proposed approving the minutes from the September 12, 2022, and November 16, 2022, meetings. Ms. Noble moved on the motion and Mr. Law seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- Mr. Basch spoke about inauguration and this spring's Dorsky opening reception.

President's Report:

- President Wheeler said he would highlight several things going on at the University.
- This is the president's seventh month on board and he said that engagement with students, faculty and staff is ongoing. He is meeting with a wonderful set of colleagues from across the institution, as well as students in listening sessions, SA/RHSA leadership forums and in other settings.
- President Wheeler said that presidential office hours would be convening soon in the Haggerty Administration Building lobby. These open office hours are an increased opportunity to learn directly from students.
- The president recognized Interim Provost Lyman for her service these past four years. He said that the University is deep into the provost search and that we will be having semi-finalist interviews Feb. 21- March 3. The president thanked search committee members for their great work.
- President Wheeler said that enrollment is crucial to our existence. The Enrollment Management team is working diligently to make sure we're recruiting, getting applications and making decisions. At present, the president said we're on par with seating a class and slightly up with deposits. He also mentioned the two Accepted Student Open House events, March 25 and April 1, and that these are important opportunities to showcase the campus and engage with faculty/staff/students.
- The president noted that Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Jess Binns-Dickinson rendered her resignation, effective March 6. This was for life course decisions and the president and team wished her the best. President Wheeler said he met with the Enrollment Management team today and we're poised to move forward with

- very exciting things on the horizon, including robust enrollment for the upcoming academic cycle.
- The president congratulated the School of Business for receiving the Innovation Hotspot grant for the Hudson Valley region from Empire State Development. This is a \$250,000/year award over five years. The award is true recognition of the School's great work with the Hudson Valley Venture Hub.
- President Wheeler said that we have been actively engaged with developers and planners for the iPark87 project in Kingston. We are partnering with SUNY Ulster and working with our local economic development body to vision a way that the SUNY System (New Paltz and Ulster) can have a physical presence at the site. He added that we believe a strong state presence with our community college partner is to our advantage, along with greater service to the Ulster County community.
- President Wheeler said that he would be joining Development and Alumni Relations on the road soon. Alumni Relations plans to introduce the president to friends and alumni across the country.
- The president noted that this spring's Distinguished Speaker Series event is March 4. MSNBC's Chris Hayes will deliver a talk titled, "Life in the Attention Age" to a sellout audience.
- In addition to recruitment and enrollment initiatives, the president said we're working equally as hard on student engagement and retention. He noted that we're revisioning welcome week and convocation and Vice President Blaisdell has been critical to that effort. This is an opportunity to introduce and orient new students to SUNY New Paltz, setting them up for success and making stronger linkages to academic and lived components at the University.
- President Wheeler said that Dr. John King started as SUNY Chancellor and he's excited to be working with him. The chancellor is in the process of making visits to all SUNYs and has held a few meetings. We haven't yet received details on the chancellor's visit to campus but may soon.
- The president shared that Inauguration events are April 19-21. There is a lot of planning activity occurring around these three days. The first day will focus on students/faculty, the second day on the Investiture and the third day on community partnership components.
- President Wheeler said he looks forward to leveraging the Council's participation as a strategic partner. He wants to make sure he's utilizing Council strengths to make the University a stronger institution as we go forward.
- Mr. Basch said he's surprised how well things are going with enrollment, given the vacancies. This is a testament to the team and the work they do. The president said that SUNY's use of cascading admission and a free application period helped increase our applications and yield outcomes are to be determined.
- Mr. Basch said commencement is May 19-21.

Construction Update:

Vice President Halstead said that Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management
John Shupe retired in 2021 after two decades in that position. When the position became
vacant, the vice president tasked Director of Design & Construction Smailer with leading

- the design team. She joined the vice president and worked through what was needed for the division's future. The vice president thanked the director for her contributions.
- In addition to Facilities, Vice President Halstead said that Emergency Management and Health and Safety fall under her division. When the assistant vice president position was recast, those offices were added under the role's portfolio.
- Vice President Halstead introduced Assistant Vice President Beltrone, who most recently served as interim general manager at the Fischer Center for the Arts at Bard College.
- Assistant Vice President Beltrone said that Director Smailer created a great presentation that includes completed work, top priorities and some things in design.
- See attached PowerPoint slides.
- Director Smailer spoke about three priority projects approved by the State University Construction Fund (SUCF) and allowed to get started. These include College Hall Renovation; Elting Gym Renovation and pool replacement; and upgrades to Peregrine Dining Hall.
- The director described projects in design including: the Student Union 3rd floor and multi-purpose room renovation that's nearly ready for bid with SUCF; and the North Turf Field Replacement.
- Director Smailer shared projects in study and planning including: electrification technologies; and the Clean Energy Master Plan.
- The director noted recently completed projects and those to be wrapped up soon including: exterior signage; furniture reupholstery; South Turf spectator area; LC 102, screen upgrade and ceiling replacement.
- Director Smailer said projects in construction include: Awosting Residence Hall renovation and addition; JFT window replacement; and Old Main masonry repairs.
- Assistant Vice President Beltrone said the huge task that Facilities has underlies the great values at New Paltz. She cited the clean energy master plan, as well as values of sustainability and student input that permeate all the work the team is doing.
- Mr. Law asked if solar energy is incorporated into fuel efficiency efforts. Director Smailer said yes both for power and solar-thermal. The assistant vice president added that the University has six solar arrays on campus. Mr. Law asked if wind power is a source to consider. Director Smailer doesn't believe it is a reliable source.
- Mr. Basch said bringing the pool up to NCAA standards will enhance the student experience and can serve as a recruiting tool as well. He thanked Director Smailer and Facilities personally and on behalf of the Council for their hard work.

Budget Update:

- See attached PowerPoint slides.
- In the beginning of the year, Vice President Halstead said a \$62 million revenue projection was set, encompassing tuition and fees and state support. However, expenditure projections looked to be about \$72 million.
- As we move through the year, the vice president said the budget is updated with actual numbers as they become available. She added that as of today the University exceeded its revenue target for fall and spring collectively by about 3%. And state support comes in at different points of the year.
- Vice President Halstead said about 52% of projected personnel costs have been paid while we're 58% of the year is completed, underspending these expenditures by a lot.

- The vice president said that we expect vacancy savings to continue during the year, cushioning the anticipated deficit.
- Vice President Halstead said the University is doing better toward budget goals when comparing this year vs. last year. We're shrinking the deficit from \$10 million to about \$8 million, with one caveat. The state contract with UUP is not settled and we do anticipate some collective bargaining increases with that new agreement. Vice President Halstead said we have to make sure monies are put aside.
- Mr. Uchitelle asked if the fiscal year is July-June. The vice president said yes. Mr. Uchitelle asked if the University uses cash-based accounting and not accrual. The vice president said it's a modified cash-based accounting system. There is a lapsing period of three months.
- Mr. Uchitelle asked if the budget numbers are year-end targets? The vice president said that they are.

Wrap-Up:

- Mr. Basch said the next meeting is scheduled for May 10.
- Mr. Basch made a motion to adjourn the meeting that Mr. Law seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ribert Water

Richard Winters

Director of Community & Government Relations

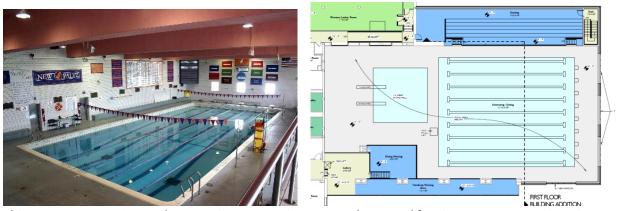


Capital Construction Update for College Council – February 2023

PRIORITY PROJECTS



<u>College Hall Rehab Programming & Schematic Design</u> - in early test fit stage for new program components Renovation of entire building for accessibility, energy efficiency and academic use



<u>Elting Gym Renovation and Natatorium Expansion</u> – consultant qualifications statements in review Renovation to include NCAA-regulation swimming pool & diving well, replacement of MEP & interior finishes and envelope upgrades



<u>Peregrine Dining Hall Renovation</u> – Consultant request for qualifications advertised Renovation to include passenger elevator, upgraded MEPs and exterior envelope upgrades for energy efficiencies



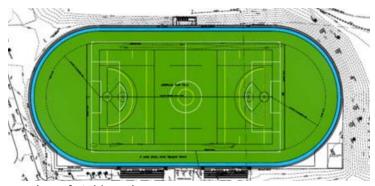
Facilities Design & Construction

IN DESIGN



Student Union 3rd floor & Multi-Purpose Room Reno

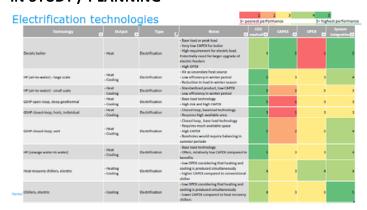
Interior renovations for Mixed Use Program Space, Student Clubs & Support offices, new Multi-cultural Center



North Turf Field Replacement

NCAA safety & Drainage Improvements

IN STUDY / PLANNING



Clean Energy Master Plan

Develop significant long-term, building upgrades & infrastructure changes to help led to carbon neutrality by 2050 to align with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and NYS Executive Order 22



Facilities Design & Construction

RECENTLY COMPLETED OR SOON TO BE



Exterior Signs
Improved Way-finding & Branding



Furniture Reupholstery using NYSID

NYS preferred source procurement & sustainability

South Turf Field Spectator Area and Filming Tower

Bleacher area with ADA access and seating and filming tower to meet NCAA standards

Contemplative Space

Awaiting verbiage for the three plaques that will represent the indigenous people, enslaved Africans, and early immigrants – reflecting on the history of our community

<u>Lecture Center 102 – screen upgrade and ceiling replacement</u>

IN CONSTRUCTION



<u>Awosting Residence Hall Renovation & Addition</u>
Complete renovation & addition of a fourth floor

Jacobsen Faculty Tower window replacement

Old Main Masonry Repairs



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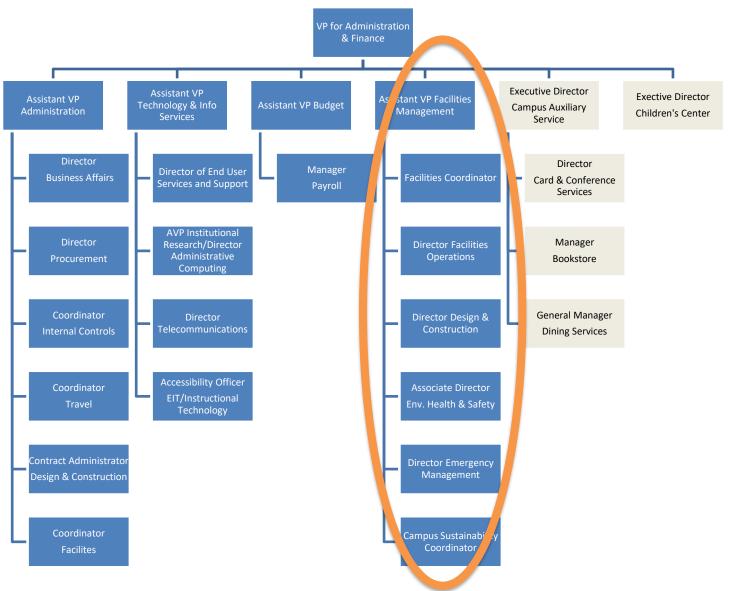
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Presented by:

Michele Halstead, Vice President for Administration & Finance



Reorganization of Facilities Management Under New Assistant Vice President, Gail Beltrone









FY 2022-2023 Status of Core Instructional Budget January 31, 2023, compared to January 31, 2022 58% of Year Completed

REVENUE		Current Fiscal Year 2022-2023		
Fall Tuition & Fees Spring Tuition & Fees Total Funds Generated by Campus Activities	\$ \$	22,356,408	Actual 1/31/23 \$ 24,332,241 \$ 22,847,861 \$ 47,180,102	% to Target 103% 102% 103%
State Support Total Revenue	\$		\$ 4,776,495 \$ 51,956,597	30% 84%
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
		<u>Budget</u>	Actual 1/31/23	
Personal Service	\$	60,087,246	\$ 31,519,208	52%
Temporary Service	\$	5,423,417	\$ 2,672,406	49%
Utilities	\$	2,764,820	\$ 1,690,669	61%
Supplies, Travel, Contracts & Equipment	\$	4,162,428	\$ 1,818,239	44%
Total Expenditures	\$	72,437,911	\$ 37,700,522	52%

Last Fiscal Year 2021-2022					
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% to</u>			
<u>Budget</u>	<u>1/31/22</u>	<u>Target</u>			
24,239,526	23,436,276	97%			
22,776,773	21,841,013	96%			
47,016,300	45,277,289	96%			
15,994,300	6,359,822	40%			
63,010,600		82%			
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Budget	1/31/22				
58,969,156	31,674,577	54%			
5,472,778	2,583,858	47%			
2,596,600	897,874	35%			
4,116,674	2,071,907	50%			
71,155,208	37,228,216	52%			



Questions?