

College Council Meeting April 25, 2022

Voting Members Present: Mr. Law, Mr. Bettez, Mr. Rindler, Ms. Noble, Mr. Hennix (Student Association president).

Campus Administration Present: President Christian; Interim Provost Lyman; Vice Presidents Blaisdell, Gant, Halstead, Pacheco Dunn, Marks, and Wright.

Interim Chairman's Report:

Mr. Law called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. He led the meeting on behalf of Interim Chairman Basch, who was unavailable to attend.

Mr. Law recognized that this is President Christian's final Council meeting prior to retirement. He thanked the president for his good service and 12 years of leadership at the College.

President's Report:

President Christian expressed his appreciation to current and former Council members for their commitment and support to the College. The president said that the Council's guidance helps us better serve our campus community and region, and that he hopes the Council will exhibit the same role for his successor. The president noted that he is staying in the Hudson Valley for retirement and is looking forward to some hobbies and a slower pace of life.

The president said that COVID-19 is still a factor on campus and that we have seen a small increase in cases, possibly due to post-Easter travel. He added that there has not been a surge in cases, the coronavirus remains under control and that we're optimistic about getting through the academic year in person.

President Christian said early assessments of the enacted state budget for fiscal year '22-'23 are that this is the most favorable budget for SUNY in decades.

The president said that the College is tracking fall semester enrollments closely and we're doing fairly well at the undergraduate level, even though we didn't reach the lofty enrollment goals that we set for the campus. Like many other colleges and universities, he noted the College is seeing different decision-making behavior by prospective students and their parents. This is making it difficult to fully understand right now what fall enrollment may look like.

The president spoke about last week's Scholarship Reception and that the College celebrated awarding more than \$1 million in Foundation-supported scholarships this year. He added this was the same amount last year and we're on track to do the same next year. This is a four-fold increase since 2013-2014.

President Christian said that the State University Construction Fund is providing resources to help develop a Clean Energy Master Plan for the College. This is subsidized, in part, by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

The president said four New Paltz students will receive Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence at a SUNY ceremony tomorrow. The College always faces difficult decisions selecting only a few recipients for the award out of the many compelling candidates who are nominated. As a result, this spring the College will present the first-ever President's Awards for Student Excellence to 12 students based on the same criteria as the Chancellor's Award.

SUNY New Paltz Presidential Search Update:

Mr. Law said three of the final candidates were recommended for the position and sent to SUNY System for further review. Each of the candidates made presentations and interviewed with System, and the new president will be announced at the Board of Trustees meeting on May 3.

Ms. Bishop asked how the selection will be announced. Vice President Wright said the news will be announced at a Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting, and that this is the process SUNY System follows for filling presidential vacancies. She added that the next BOT meeting is still a few days away and plans are subject to change. When sharing the news, the vice president said SUNY System will work with the College's communication office, so the selection can be rolled out to campus accordingly. Vice President Wright noted that the BOT meetings are livestreamed, so the College can also share the link for campus community members to watch live.

Ms. Noble asked when the new president will officially start. Vice President Wright said the start date is unclear at this point and that we will hopefully know more from the BOT meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

After Mr. Rindler joined the meeting, Mr. Law moved to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022, meeting. Ms. Noble moved on the motion and Mr. Bettez seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Student Handbook Updates:

See attached document titled, "Proposed edits to the Student Handbook, Academic Year 2022-2023 (effective July)."

Vice President Blaisdell said that the Council will consider a slate of minor changes to the Student Handbook.

The vice president walked the Council through proposed edits across several policy areas under Campus Rules and Administrative Regulations.

Mr. Law noted that if a student is caught with an illegal weapon it is confiscated. However, he asked if the student is arrested as well. Vice President Blaisdell replied that it depends on the situation, what the illegal item is and whether there are grounds for criminal charges to be brought against the student.

Mr. Law move to approve the attached changes to the Student Handbook. Ms. Noble moved on the motion and Mr. Hennix seconded. The handbook changes were approved unanimously.

Budget Update:

Vice President Halstead said at the beginning of the fiscal year the College had anticipated revenues of about \$63 million and estimated expenditures of about \$71.1 million. The projected deficit was \$8.1 million.

At this point, the vice president said that we have a good feel for how the fiscal year may close out. The College is short of its tuition/enrollment target by roughly \$1.8 million. This was driven largely by COVID-19-related enrollment decreases, as well as less international, out of state and graduate students who all contribute more in tuition. For state support, the College received a portion and anticipates receiving the rest of its allocation by the end of the year.

As a result, Vice President Halstead said that the College is anticipating \$61.2 million in revenue. For expenditures, the College is underspending in personal service, temporary service and utilities (slightly). The College may underspend as well for supplies, travel, contracts and equipment.

Looking at today, the vice president compared anticipated revenues with estimated expenditures. The College has a lower deficit by about \$1.5 million than initially expected, decreasing the reserves needed to balance the budget. She added that the College anticipates using about \$6.7 million of reserve this year.

The vice president walked the Council through select provisions in the enacted state budget, including the elimination of the “TAP Gap,”; reset of the excelsior tuition rate to the current tuition rate; increases to EOP programs; and capital funding.

Mr. Law asked whether new revenues from the “TAP Gap” closure and the reset Excelsior rate apply to prior budget years. Vice President Halstead said that these changes are for fiscal year 2022-2023 and moving forward. Mr. Law asked if these provisions would allow the College to recoup some of its reserve. The vice president said only to the extent that the College may spend less from that account.

Mr. Rindler asked how much is in campus reserves. Vice President Halstead said about \$18 million. She added that this provides a couple of years to work through the deficit, and that the College will continue its aggressive enrollment strategies and expenditure reductions.

Wrap-Up:

Mr. Law said that the President’s Office will be in touch regarding fall meeting dates and that he hoped to see everyone at commencement.

Mr. Law adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Winters", with a stylized, flowing script.

Richard Winters
Director of Community and Government Relations

Proposed edits to the Student Handbook, Academic Year 2022-2023 (effective July)

Overall name change to Student Conduct and Community Standards

Overall name change from “Penalty” to “Sanction”

Proposed additions are in gray block.

p. 10 III. **Campus Regulations**

Attendance at SUNY New Paltz is both voluntary and optional. Such entrance into the academic community automatically obligates each student to live up to the regulations established by the community. Behavioral standards are developed by institutions of higher education for the purpose of supporting the educational mission and fostering safe living and learning communities. These standards, commonly referred to as Campus Regulations, set the institution’s expectations of appropriate behavior, and may apply to behavior regardless of a student’s location, whether on-campus or off-campus (including but not limited to off campus placement, student teaching, study abroad). No student is exempt from these regulations and standards. It is the responsibility of a student in need of any additional accommodation to communicate their specific needs to the appropriate administrator.

For purposes of this document “Student” is defined as: persons registered for courses, either full time or part time, pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies, as well as non-degree seeking students; individuals who confirm their intent to enroll in programs; those attending orientation sessions; between academic terms; taking online classes; auditing classes; those that were enrolled on the date of an alleged incident; persons who are active but not enrolled at the College.

Changes to Campus Rules

p. 15 **CR 12.00 Narcotics, Illicit Drugs, and Controlled Substances** add Illegal items will be confiscated and not returned.

p. 15 **CR 13.00 Illegal Weapons** add Illegal items will be confiscated and not returned.

p. 19 **CR 23.00 Fire Equipment and Alarms** Removing, tampering with, or destroying smoke detectors or fire safety equipment is strictly prohibited. Damage and/or theft of fire equipment are arrestable offenses under New York State Law.

p.20 **CR 25.00 Cannabis/Marijuana Policy**

No person shall use, possess, sell, purchase, cultivate, process, manufacture or give away Cannabis/Marijuana or its derivatives (tinctures, topicals, edibles etc.) in any form, anywhere on the college campus. Paraphernalia that is identified to have Cannabis/Marijuana residue in it will be considered evidence of possession. This includes SUNY property: public spaces, residence halls, office buildings, university-owned and leased buildings, parking lots, and at all SUNY events or while conducting university business, except for approved academic research. Medical marijuana is prohibited on campus property as well.

CR 25.04 No student shall be under the influence of Cannabis/Marijuana to such a degree that it results in: e.g., losing consciousness, losing the ability to independently ambulate, vomiting and/or losing the ability to speak clearly.

(Sanction Range: Warning Probation, Disciplinary Probation, Suspension Held in Abeyance or Suspension. Special conditions may include educational and/or clinical intervention, possible Denial of Campus Residency, Restitution for Maintenance Costs. Parental Notification Policy if applicable. Any Cannabis/Marijuana found on campus will be confiscated and will not be returned.)

CR 26.00 Falsification

No person shall use, possess, manufacture, sell, forge, alter, or misuse any official document, record, key, access code, or instrument of identification.

(Sanction Range: Disciplinary Probation, Suspension Held in Abeyance, Suspension or Expulsion. Confiscated items will not be returned.)

Changes to Administrative Regulations

p. 20 1. **AR 1.00 Alcohol**

1.02 Students 21 or older may possess alcoholic beverages in their residence hall room, but cannot exceed moderate amounts, and cannot store any alcohol outside of their residence hall room. Students over 21 living in a suite style residence must keep alcohol in their own assigned bedroom, unless all residents of the suite are over 21. Students 21 or older cannot drink in the presence of any person under 21 in any residence hall (with the exception of an assigned roommate).

1.06 Driving on campus while intoxicated or ability impaired is prohibited

p. 23 5. **AR 9.00 Animals** No person shall bring any animal into any building owned or controlled by the college with the exception of approved Service or Support animals having prior campus approval. Additionally, no person shall bring to the campus grounds an animal that is not restrained by a leash not to exceed five feet in length. Animals which are leashed but unattended shall be considered at large.

AR 9.01 Owners of approved Service or Support animals are responsible for upholding and complying with the conditions outlined in their Care Plan Agreement.

(Sanction Range: Warning Probation or Disciplinary Probation. Special conditions include possible Denial of Campus Residency Held in Abeyance, forfeiture of having the animal on campus, and/or Denial of Campus Residency.)

AR 12.00 Fire, Health, and Safety Regulations [new introductory paragraph] Items or actions which may be considered hazardous are specifically prohibited in three categories: in the Residence Halls, in all campus buildings, and on campus property. The list of items in each category is generally updated every August, however the list can be updated anytime a new safety threat is identified. See <https://www.newpaltz.edu/reslife/guidelines.html> for a list of items/actions prohibited in the residence

halls. See <https://www.newpaltz.edu/firesafety> for a list of items/actions prohibited in all campus buildings and/or on campus property. Items that might be a safety hazard must be properly stored.

(Penalty: Warning Probation or Disciplinary Probation. Special conditions include Restitution for Damages, Denial of Campus Residency Held in Abeyance, Denial of Campus Residency and an educational intervention)

p. 24 **AR 17.00 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia** No person shall use, possess, or have under their control any drug paraphernalia, including but not limited to: water pipes, bong, grinders, one-hitters, hypodermic syringes/needles not prescribed to them by a licensed physician, or any scale or smoking apparatus determined to be drug-use related. Paraphernalia that is identified to have Cannabis/Marijuana residue in it will be considered evidence of possession. Paraphernalia containing Marijuana/Cannabis will be confiscated and will not be returned.

(Penalty: Warning Probation, Disciplinary Probation, Suspension Held in Abeyance or Suspension)

p. 25 D. General Administrative Policies

4.00 Official College Communication

New Paltz email serves as the official student email for all campus business. Messages from professors, the Office of Student Affairs and other administrators will be sent via the student's New Paltz email address. Students are responsible for checking this account daily and will be held responsible for all content sent to their New Paltz email account.

Faculty, staff and administrators are only obligated to correspond with students who send emails from the student's newpaltz.edu account. Students who are identified as utilizing anonymous emails to violate any part of the code of conduct will be charged accordingly.

p. 38 H. Records

5. Academic Transcript Policy (after last sentence)

For a student who chooses to withdraw or take a Leave of Absence from the college while conduct charges are pending, the student will still be notified in advance of the date, time and place of their Initial Conference/Administrative Hearing or Student Conduct Hearing. If the respondent elects not to appear, the proceeding will be conducted in absentia, and all statements contained in the Charge Letter shall be considered true and accurate and appropriate administrative action shall be taken by the Director of Student Conduct or designee.

Insert new category called **8. Grades**

A student who is expelled or suspended from the college will receive the grades of F* for all the courses during the semester in which the expulsion or suspension occurred. Expelled or suspended students cannot receive incompletes or finish any prior incompletes during the semester in which they are expelled or suspended. Students are liable for all appropriate tuition, fees, and room & board if applicable.

College Council

April 25, 2022

Presented by:

Michele Halstead, Vice President for Administration & Finance

FY 21-22 Status of Core Instructional Budget	
Initial	
<u>REVENUE</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>
Fall Tuition & Fees	\$ 24,239,535
Spring Tuition & Fees	\$ 22,776,764
Total Funds Generated by Campus Activities	\$ 47,016,300
State Support	\$ 15,994,300
Total Revenue	\$ 63,010,600
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
	<u>Initial Budget</u>
Personal Service	\$ 58,969,156
Temporary Service	\$ 5,472,778
Utilities	\$ 2,596,600
Supplies, Travel, Contracts & Equipment	\$ 4,116,674
Total Expenditures	\$ 71,155,208
Projected Deficit (use of reserves)	\$ (8,144,608)

FY 21-22 Status of Core Instructional Budget April 22, 2022

REVENUE

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Revenue</u>	<u>Estimated Revenue Remaining</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>Over/under</u>
Fall Tuition & Fees	\$ 24,239,526	\$ 23,396,612		\$ 23,396,612	\$ (842,915)
Spring Tuition & Fees	\$ 22,776,773	\$ 21,841,013		\$ 21,841,013	\$ (935,760)
Total Funds Generated by Campus Activities	\$ 47,016,300	\$ 45,237,624		\$ 45,237,624	\$ (1,778,675)
State Support	\$ 15,994,300	\$ 6,359,822	\$ 9,634,478	\$ 15,994,300	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 63,010,600	\$ 51,597,446	\$ 9,634,478	\$ 61,231,924	\$ (1,778,675)

EXPENDITURES

	<u>Initial Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Expenditure</u>	<u>Estimated Expense Remaining</u>	<u>Total Anticipated Expenditure</u>	<u>Over/under</u>
Personal Service	\$ 58,969,156	\$ 44,968,897	\$ 11,794,395	\$ 56,763,292	\$ 2,205,864
Temporary Service	\$ 5,472,778	\$ 3,987,746	\$ 1,219,937	\$ 5,207,684	\$ 265,094
Utilities	\$ 2,596,600	\$ 1,549,967	\$ 728,301	\$ 2,278,267	\$ 318,333
Supplies, Travel, Contracts & Equipment	\$ 4,116,674	\$ 2,930,210	\$ 750,000	\$ 3,680,210	\$ 436,464
Total Expenditures	\$ 71,155,208	\$ 53,436,821	\$ 14,492,633	\$ 67,929,453	\$ 3,225,755

Projected Deficit (use of reserves)

\$(8,144,608)

\$(6,697,529)

New York State Enacted Budget What does it mean for SUNY New Paltz?

Budget Item:

Total Elimination of "TAP Gap" in 2022-23

Reset of Excelsior tuition rate to current tuition rate

\$53 Million for new faculty

\$60 Million **non-recurring** for process improvement/marketing

Increases to EOP programs

Increases in funding for childcare centers

\$1.2B in Capital Funding (some flexible funding)

Potential impact on New Paltz:

\$2.0-\$3M increase in revenue

\$1.0M increase in revenue

not yet known

not yet known

not yet known

not yet known

not yet known

Questions?