

## **SUNY New Paltz Council Meeting March 12, 2025**

Voting Members Present: Mr. Basch, Mr. Uchitelle, Mr. Morrell (Student Association president), Ms. Noble (remote), Mr. Scott-Childress (non-voting faculty representative), Ms. Padmore-Bacchus (remote; non-voting alumni representative).

Campus Administration Present: President Wheeler; Vice Presidents Halstead, McClure, Pacheco Dunn, Turk, Wright; Interim Vice President Lieblich; Guest: Director of Alumni Relations Janet Rossbach.

### Interim Chairman's Report:

- Mr. Basch called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.
- Due to the lack of quorum, Mr. Basch said the Council would defer approval of the minutes from the February 5, 2025, meeting.

### President's Report:

- President Wheeler said admission applications continue to be robust and that yielding efforts continue for enrolling accepted students into the University. The president added that Accepted Student Open Houses are scheduled for March 29 and April 5.
- President Wheeler said Student Affairs continues to monitor student activities and needs. He also spoke about the tragic death of a student this week, who was transported from campus while in a life-threatening situation. He praised University Police and Student Affairs for their work and ongoing effort to support the student's family.
- The president said the state is in the budget process and that the campus is looking at potential outcomes and implications for SUNY.
- President Wheeler spoke about strategic planning and thanked the Council for their continued support. The process is on target to finish by the end of this semester with a full plan launch in the fall. The Office of Communication & Marketing is supporting messaging needs for this work.
- President Wheeler said there have been a lot of changes and uncertainty nationally with respect to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) issues. The president added that the University continues to monitor what is occurring and that he told students the campus will adhere to state guidelines, as expressed by the SUNY chancellor. The University will not preemptively alter any SUNY or state policies regarding DEI until it is determined otherwise by those bodies. And he said the University will follow the same guidance as last year in terms of DEI as a clear component of who we are and how we operate as an institution.

### Budget Update:

- See attached PowerPoint slides.
- Vice President Halstead said the governor's executive budget for SUNY is encouraging and includes support in the Legislature's one-house resolutions. The University's potential impact includes increased state taxpayer support; continued investment in the

ACE and EOP programs; relatively flat capital investment with increases in the one-house proposals; and elimination of Science of Reading Microcredential funding.

- Mr. Basch asked if there is any rationale for the elimination of the microcredential funding. The vice president said she did not know the reasoning and that it is just not part of the budget proposal this year.
- Vice President Halstead said the University is seeing a little lag in tuition revenue for this year, yet, up year-over-year. She added that the state is coming in with state support as prescribed. On expenditures, the vice president said expenses are a little higher than last year in personnel service and less vacancy savings.
- Given the reduction to target in revenue and increase in expenditures, the vice president said the University is looking at using more cash reserves than last year. The amount depends on the outcome of the fourth quarter.
- The vice president said the campus is seeing some fluctuation in month end cash balances. Between 2022-23 and this year, she noted that we're seeing a dip in cash of about \$10 million. This holds with the deficit of the last couple of years of about \$4-4.5 million/year.
- The vice president said the multi-year stability plan shows us increasing revenue above expenditures and not using reserves by the year 2027-28.
- Ms. Noble asked about increases/decreases in month end cash balances in the November-December timeframe across the last several years presented by the vice president. Vice President Halstead said the balances then are a question of timing, citing for example, three payroll periods this past December.
- Mr. Basch said revenue is steady, but costs keep rising. The vice president agreed and said that hopefully state taxpayer increases will be included in this latest state budget. Based on the last two, the campus saw about a \$2 million investment each year. She added that the investment almost holds steady with salary increases year-over-year.

#### Wrap-Up:

- Mr. Basch encouraged Council members to participate in commencement ceremonies, May 16-18, and to RSVP to Lisa Davis by April 9.
- Mr. Basch said the next Council meeting is May 7.
- Mr. Basch asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Morrell moved on the motion and Mr. Uchitelle seconded.
- Mr. Basch adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Community & Government Relations

# SUNY NEW PALTZ COUNCIL

MICHELE HALSTEAD, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

March 12, 2025





# Goal for Today



Discuss 2025-26  
Executive Budget

Update year-to-date  
revenue & expense data

Provide current cash  
balances & trend analysis

# State Budget Process

**New York State Executive Budget Proposal  
with support in one house bills  
SUNY New Paltz impact**

- Increased state tax-payer support
- Continued investment in ACE program
- Continued investment in EOP/EOC programs
- Relatively flat capital investment for SUNY in executive with increases in one house
- Elimination of the \$1M for Science of Reading Micro credential

**FY 2024-2025 Status of Core Instructional Budget**  
**February 28, 2024, compared to February 28, 2025**  
**67% of year completed**

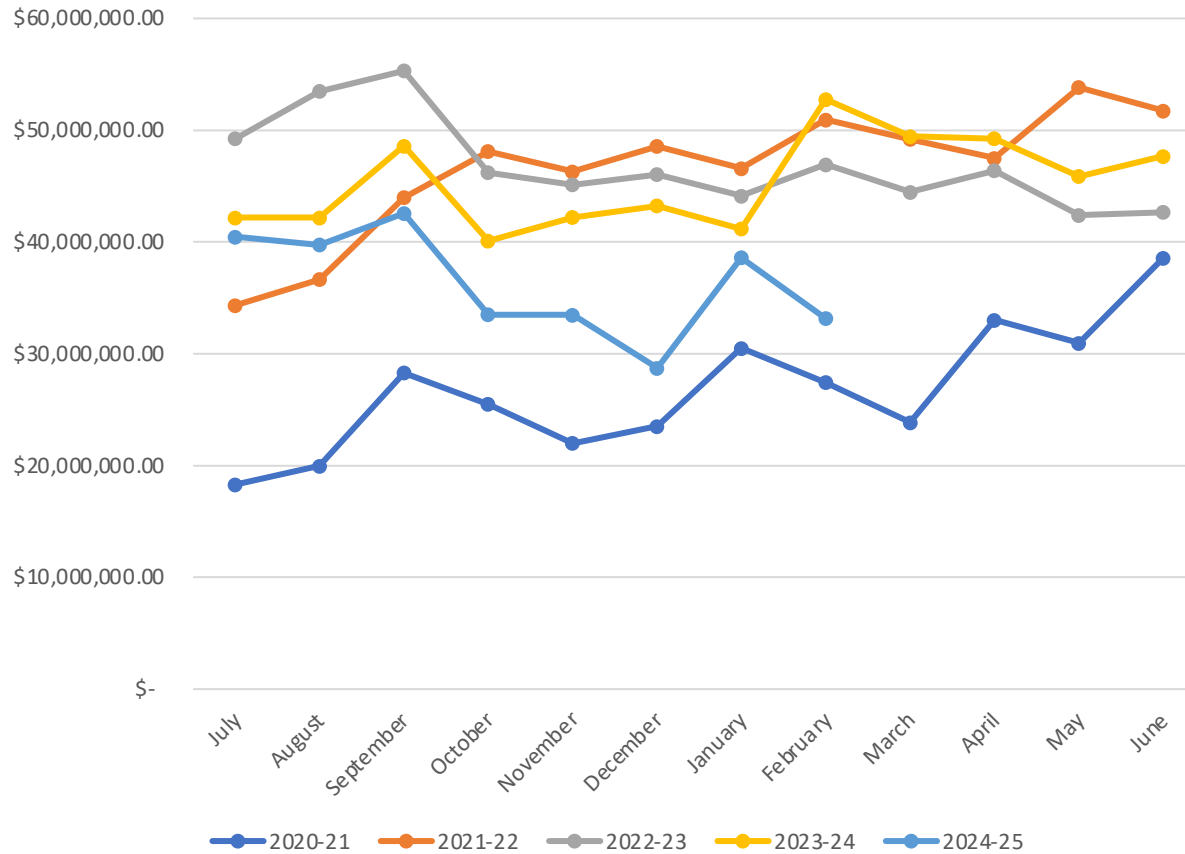
**REVENUE**

	Last Fiscal Year 2023-2024			Current Fiscal Year 2024-2025		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual 2/28/24</u>	<u>% to target</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual 2/28/25</u>	<u>% to target</u>
Fall Tuition & Fees	\$ 24,510,214	\$ 24,701,997	101%	\$ 25,277,389	\$ 24,996,383	99%
Spring Tuition & Fees	\$ 22,885,935	\$ 23,136,522	101%	\$ 23,672,884	\$ 23,536,551	99%
Total Generated by Campus Activities	\$ 47,396,149	\$ 47,838,519	101%	\$ 48,950,273	\$ 48,532,934	99%
State Support	\$ 19,151,600	\$ 11,353,186	59%	\$ 21,419,600	\$ 10,366,622	48%
Total Revenue	\$ 66,547,749	\$ 59,191,705	89%	\$ 70,369,873	\$ 58,899,556	84%

**EXPENDITURES**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual 2/28/24</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual 2/28/25</u>	
Personal Service	\$ 61,140,133	\$ 39,306,184	64%	\$ 65,138,358	\$ 42,139,420	65%
Temporary Service	\$ 5,602,376	\$ 3,907,844	70%	\$ 6,026,031	\$ 4,454,578	74%
Utilities	\$ 3,272,096	\$ 1,406,114	43%	\$ 3,272,096	\$ 1,418,827	43%
Other than Personal Service	\$ 5,100,533	\$ 2,688,439	53%	\$ 4,849,560	\$ 2,690,834	55%
Total Expenditures	\$ 75,115,138	\$ 47,308,581	63%	\$ 79,286,045	\$ 50,703,659	64%

Month end cash balances



# QUESTIONS?

