

**MINUTES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025
GREAT ROOM, KAPLAN HALL
NEWBURGH CAMPUS
5:00 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance*
- B. Moment of Silence*

II. CONSENT AGENDA (Items A through C)

Note: Consent Agenda items held for discussion will be moved to Item D

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024
- B. Approval of Financial Statements for November and December 2024
- C. Approval of Appointments

Motion to approve consent agenda, Ralph Martucci, seconded by Eli Hart. Passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

- A. Special Presentation: Mastodon Discovery - Dr. Cory Harris, Department Chair of Behavioral Science
 - ❖ Dr. Cory Harris shared exciting details, photos and even the mastodon teeth that were recently discovered here in Orange County.
 - ❖ The property owners of the site where the mastodon teeth were discovered brought the discovery to the attention of Dr. Harris and the college and have agreed to allow Dr. Harris to be a part of the continued excavation of the mastodon remains.
- B. Special Presentation: FoodTec Update - Jhack Sepulveda, Executive Director of Orange County FoodTEC
 - ❖ Jhack offered an overview on the success of the FoodTec program to date.
 - ❖ FoodTec has been creating curriculum to develop workforce programs, which for us means career readiness, industry or job specific training, and then on the job training.
 - ❖ Students can complete the program in 15 weeks.
 - ❖ Jhack has worked on partnerships with local businesses to establish on job training opportunities as well as job placement for students.
 - ❖ 140 - Industry-recognized certificates have been issued to 133 people in 11 courses
 - ❖ 75% Workforce Development Program Participant Completion Rate
 - ❖ 14 Participating On-The-Job Training Sites
 - ❖ In 2024, 193 students were trained resulting in a 70% increase in the number of students trained. FoodTEC started the 2024 FY with \$1.25 M in grant funding, which was increased by \$330,721 via a USDA-NIFA grant to offer a Food Safety Workforce Program. Grant funds allow FoodTEC to provide workforce training, tuition assistance, childcare, or transportation to 150 students.
 - ❖ As of June 30, 2024, FoodTEC had a total revenue of \$363,057 and total expenses of \$283,836.00, resulting in a profit of \$79,211. FoodTEC's revenue is currently tuition revenue, in-kind contributions from SUNY Orange, and donations.
- C. President - Dr. Kristine Young
 - ❖ Dr. Young reported that Governor Hochul has announced Funding Free Community College in High-Demand Occupations. The Executive Budget provides \$47 million (\$28.2 million SUNY, \$18.8 million CUNY) to cover the remaining cost of tuition, fees, and books for community college students ages 25-55 pursuing select associate's degrees in high-demand occupations, including nursing, teaching, technology, and engineering.
 - ❖ In regards to the Executive Budget:
 - \$30 million was not funded
 - \$100 million was not funded
 - ❖ In Athletics:
 - Men's basketball: 15-3
 - The Colts are ranked 25th in this week's NJCAA Division II poll. They are scoring 90.6 points per game, ranking as the 13th most explosive offense in D-II

- Jabari Philip ranks 32nd in the country in scoring, averaging 20.1 points per game. He also is making 87.2 percent of his free throws, which is 16th best nationally

➤ Women's basketball: 3-13

- Adriana Vazquez was named Mid-Hudson Conference Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 6. In four games, she scored 63 points, grabbed 18 rebounds, had 8 assists, 7 steals and 1 block. She had a career-best 23 points in the Colts' 76-49 win over Bronx Community College.

❖ Advocacy Visits (as of Jan. 21, 2025)

Jan. 24 (11 a.m. to Noon), Assemblymember Brabenec's office (28 North Main St., Suite 2, Florida)

Jan. 24 (1 to 2 p.m.), Assemblymember Paula Kay (Middletown campus; Rowley Center Room 111)

Jan. 30 (11 a.m. to Noon), Assemblymember Chris Eachus' office (34 Smith Clove Road, Central Valley)

Feb. 7 (10 to 11 a.m.), Senator Skoufis' office (45 Quaker Avenue, Suite 202, Cornwall)

TBA (TBA), Assemblymember Maher's office (6 Depot St., Suite 103, Washingtonville)

TBA (TBA), Senator Rolison's office, (3 Neptune Road, Suite N22, Poughkeepsie)

TBA (TBA), Assemblymember Jacobson's office (436 Robinson Avenue, Newburgh)

- ❖ In addition, Chair Weddell, Mike Albright and I will be heading to ACCT's National Legislative Summit February 9 - 12. We are already set up with Senators Gillibrand and Schumer as a group of NY Community colleges on February 11 and Mike is working on just us as SUNY Orange with Rep Ryan. The rest of the time will be spent attending the NLS conference sessions and networking.

D. Provost - Dr. [Erika Hackman](#)

❖ Enrollment updates:

- Dr. Hackman reported that our winter head count ended up being up 22% compared to last winter semester.
- Winter term credit hours and FTE's were up by 26%
- As of yesterday spring headcount was up 6.82%
- Last week was new student orientation. We had 75 attendees, which included 50 students.
- Congrats to the RadTech program on its recent funding award
- RadTech has received reaccreditation for the next 8 years
- The RadTech program's class of 2024 had a 100% pass rate on the state exams.
- SUNY GenEd update:
 - We are still refreshing our framework
 - 2 Changes to implement: Information Literacy competency now with AI built in and civic discourse competency

E. VP for Administration & Finance – Paul Martland

- ❖ Paul reported that there was positive feedback on the AI keynote with [Todd McLees](#).
- ❖ We will have a new AI chatbot coming soon. This chatbot can translate a variety of languages in real time.
- ❖ The UKG project implementation in HR is moving along on schedule.
- ❖ The Morrison Hall construction should be completed by the end of this month, with the expectation of final turrets being installed by the end of February.
- ❖ The campus security camera replacement project is going well. Middletown campus is almost done and Newburgh will be starting early February.
- ❖ We will have our auditors report at the February board meeting.
- ❖ The emergency broadcast system replacement is almost done.

- ❖ The College Association continues to face some challenges.
- F. VP for Workforce, Strategy & Innovation - Dr. [Jean Leandre](#)
 - ❖ We received an ESD grant to the partnered Choice Films Production Tech program.
 - ❖ The Paramedic program is close to being ready to launch, hopefully in the next couple of months. This is a one year credential program.
- G. Governance President – Liz Carris-Swan
 - ❖ Liz thanked the Foundation for their support of the AI keynote with [Todd McLees](#).
 - ❖ The Credit for Prior Learning Committee will continue working with the Ad Hoc Committee on our plan.
 - ❖ Shared Governance elections are coming up. Liz and Mike are now completing their first term. Liz plans on running again.
- H. FCCC Report - Michelle Tubbs
 - ❖ SUNY staffing updates:
 - New (inaugural) Vice Chancellor of Workforce Development & Upward Mobility – Christopher White (came from the Dept of Labor)
 - New Assistant Director of Enrollment for Military & Veteran Recruitment – Susan Dewen
 - New Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs - Dr. Julie Hartley-Moore (FCCC President served on this search committee. She comes from the Utah System on Higher Education.)
 - ❖ Upcoming Searches:
 - Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges & the Education Pipeline
 - FCCC President will serve on this search committee
 - The FCCC Executive Team participated in a listening/scoping session with the search firm conducting the search (Isaacson Miller)
 - ❖ Upcoming Retirements:
 - Senior Assistant Provost for Assessment and Community College Education - Our beloved Deb Moeckel
 - ❖ Items FCCC will be keeping an eye on and/or responding to that can/will impact CCs in the coming months...
 - Transfer Task Force (TTF) Report
 - SUNY Board approved recommendations in the TTF report
 - Office of Student Success (Senior VC for SS Donna Linderman) will be the lead on implementing the report recommendations
 - Richmond Fed
 - 2024 survey of CC outcomes
 - Gives CCs the data needed to justify their existence & value and suggests ways to show CC success
 - SUNY CC Economic Impact Study
 - Assesses the impact of SUNY CCs on the state economy and the benefits generated by the colleges for students, taxpayers, and society
 - Shows that SUNY CCs create a positive net impact on the state economy and generate a positive return on investment for students, taxpayers, and society
 - ❖ Other things
 - SUNY Community Colleges for ALL (Adult Learners Leadership) Initiative
 - Adult learners are being viewed as students 25+ in age
 - SUNY is inviting CCs to apply for grants of up to \$50K from SUNY System Administration to develop a campus action plan focused on successfully serving more adult learners
 - Action plan proposals must be submitted by 2/20/25 for a project period of 3/5/25 – 7/31/25
 - There is a requirement of shared governance principles to be used in developing the proposal and how shared governance will be incorporated throughout the action plan development
 - Katie Sinsabaugh is serving at the request of the FCCC President on a work group to talk

about strategies for increasing enrollment of adult learners that was convened at the request of the SUNY Chancellor shortly after the FCCC Fall 2024 Plenary

- Public Good U: Strengthening the Case for Public Higher Education Conference
- Albany, February 7-9 2025
- The conference planning committee is a mix of UFS and FCCC leaders. Keith Landa (UFS President) has been the lead on developing this conference.
- A national conference dedicated to exploring the vital role of public higher education as a public good in the 21st century. Will bring together educators, academic administrators, policy makers, and business leaders to address the challenges and opportunities facing public higher education institutions, students, faculty and staff.

I. Student Trustee - Peter Bambino

- ❖ Peter provided all with BOA's schedule of events for the spring semester.
- ❖ Peter introduced new Student Senate President, Izabella Matos

J. Foundation Board – Dawn Ansbro

- ❖ Annual appeal to date has raised \$68,000. Thank you to all who gave.
- ❖ Completed the Dyson Foundation grant application for the Rad Tech move on Friday, January 17th. Liza Fragola, SUNY Orange Director of Grants, and I will be meeting with Cecilia Stancell from Dyson on January 29th on the Newburgh campus to discuss the details of the grant.
- ❖ Current verbal commitments for the 75th anniversary gala include:
 - \$75,000 lead gift from Rich Rowley
 - \$50,000 gift from Kathy and Don Frommer
 - \$50,000 gift from Madeline Spagnoli
 - \$25,000 gift from alumnus Mike Doehla (still need to confirm)
 - \$11,000 gift from alumnus Fred Schwinger
 - \$5,000 gift from Helen Richards
 - \$5,000 gift from Resorts World (still need to confirm – they will also do another \$5,000 in scholarships)
 - I reached out to the Cawein family to see if they might be able to collectively make a \$25,000 gift to honor Charlie Cawein, our first student. Andrea Cawein said she would talk to the family.
- ❖ Pratt and Whitney approved our grant request for scholarships and 75th anniversary sponsorship, but I have not heard what the actual dollars are yet.
- ❖ Carly connected with Frank McCabe, an alum from 1979. Frank gives regularly and expressed interest in helping with the gala in some way. We asked him if he would be willing to reach out to other alum to invite them to the gala and potentially give and he agreed to do that. We are looking for other alum to do the same.
- ❖ The scholarship application portal opened on January 13th and will close on April 8th. We printed postcards for the high schools, Admissions and to place around the College.
- ❖ Based on some preliminary math, it appears that we may have the potential to award over \$550,000 in scholarships this year. This would include Lab School scholarships and athletic scholarships, as well as our academic scholarships.

IV. NEW BUSINESS - NA

V. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- ❖ Chair Weddell noted that he has been very active in conversations with NYCCT regarding advocacy.
- ❖ Chair Weddell had a phone call with Chancellor King and also sent him a letter on behalf of NYCCT advocating for community colleges.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Meeting Schedule</u>	<u>Report Schedule</u>
Academic and Student Services	Karen Mejia	October, December, February, April	November, January, March, May
Audit and Finance	Ralph Martucci	Monthly	Monthly
Enrollment and Retention	Maria Bruni	Monthly	Monthly
Governance and Nominating	Tom Hunter	June	September
Policy	Flo Hannes	Monthly as called	Monthly as needed

Presidents Performance Review and Compensation	Ralph Martucci	May	September
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Audit and Finance: Ralph Martucci, Chair

- ❖ Audit report is being finalized.
- ❖ Auditors will report in February
- ❖ The committee is updating an investment policy for the college through the Policy Committee.
- ❖ Paul and Kris will be meeting with the E & E Committee in February.

Enrollment and Retention: Maria Bruni, Chair

- ❖ The committee will be meeting on January 24.
- ❖ Wayne Harewood shared the winter and spring (2025) enrollment reports.
- ❖ 2 extended registration days were held with registration for students until 7 pm.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

- A. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting. Each member of the public wishing to address the Board will be granted 2 minutes to speak, at which time, the Board will ask you to have a seat to allow others to speak.

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION - None

IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter executive session at 7:42 pm, Ralph Martucci, seconded by, Peter Bambino. Executive session began at 7:53 pm.

Motion to adjourn executive session and re enter public session at 8:39 pm.

X. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm, Tom Hunter, seconded by Ralph Martucci

Next Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Great Room, Kaplan Hall
Newburgh Campus