

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE SCCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, March 18, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: P. Coombe, Chair, S. Drobysh, L. Dyrszka, R. Ernst, J. Farrow, J. Finn, R. Heyman, L. Holmes, N. Speranza

ALSO PRESENT: M. Howard Golladay, V. Boyd, E. Kubenik, C. Kashan, J. Isadore

P. Coombe called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

NYCCT Awards Presentation

P. Coombe presented Joan Farrow with the NYCCT Marvin A Rapp Award for Distinguished Trustee Service. J. Farrow presented S. Ruwoldt with the NYCCT Business/Industry Partnership Award. Dr. M. Howard-Golladay and P. Coombe accepted the awards at the NYCCT Ceremony in Saratoga Springs on March 12, 2010.

S. Drobysh and L. Dyrszka joined the meeting.

Consent Calendar

Motion by R. Ernst to approve the consent calendar including the minutes of February 11, 2010, and the disbursement reports for February 2010, seconded by J. Farrow, and passed.

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	yes
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	yes
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	yes
	Robert Ernst	yes	Nick Speranza	yes
	Joan Farrow	yes	Greg Sandoval	absent

RESOLUTION #263-10

**RE: REQUEST CAREFUL RE-
CONSIDERATION FOR NEW YORK'S
243,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STUDENTS**

WHEREAS: community colleges are the largest and fastest growing sector of higher education in the U.S., and enrolls 57% of all undergraduate students enrolled in the State University of New York system; and

WHEREAS: the Public Higher Education and Innovation Act proposed by Governor Paterson contains valuable advances in support of SUNY and its community colleges, including dormitory financing for community colleges through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and consideration for the potential need for differential tuition; and

WHEREAS: community college students, their parents, alumni and their supporters are rightly concerned about the Governor Paterson's 2010-11 proposed State Budget which also includes a cut to New York's public community college funding by \$415 per full-time equivalent (FTE) student; and

WHEREAS: community colleges have not had a public funding increase from the State of New York since 2007-08 and were unexpectedly cut mid-year in 2009-10 by \$130 per FTE; and

WHEREAS: the Governor's proposed 2010-11 budget essentially sets community colleges back a decade as state funding is proposed to return to 2000-01 levels; and

WHEREAS: community colleges, unlike their state-operated counterparts, must pay negotiated salaries and benefits for its employees, including teaching faculty, through its operating budget rather than paid by SUNY as is the case with state-operated campuses;

WHEREAS: the Governor's proposed budget also cuts the maximum award for the state's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), a program upon which community college students across the state depend, by 20 percent;

WHEREAS: counted among New York's 243,000 community college students are recent high school graduates, working adults and parents, veterans, laid-off workers and people coming to college to retrain for a second or even third career, and will stay in New York State to live, work and raise families;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Trustees of Sullivan County Community College respectfully requests that Governor Paterson and the members of the New York State Legislature carefully reconsider the vital needs of their constituents and community college students and restore vital funding for the Tuition Assistance Program, and that this body is committed to doing its part by requesting public funding restoration for community colleges to the mid-year level for the 2009-10 State Budget.

Motion by J. Farrow to approve Resolution #263-10, seconded by S. Drobysh, and passed.

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	yes
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	yes
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	yes
	Robert Ernst	yes	Nick Speranza	yes
	Joan Farrow	yes	Greg Sandoval	absent

Approval of 2010-2011 Academic Calendar

Motion by R. Ernst to approve the 2010-2011 Academic Calendar, seconded by R. Heyman and passed.

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	yes
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	yes
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	yes
	Robert Ernst	yes	Nick Speranza	yes
	Joan Farrow	yes	Greg Sandoval	absent

Procurement Process

After a discussion with the Board, Dr. M. Howard-Golladay will draft a revised, formal process for discussion at the April meeting. The documents will be sent to the Board via email prior to the meeting.

Community/Public Feedback

None

Incidental Information

President's Report

- Dr. M. Howard-Golladay and members of her administration updated the board on recent College activities, programs, and events.

Executive Session

Motion J. Farrow by to enter Executive Session at 5:35 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues, seconded by S. Drobysh, and passed.

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	yes
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	yes
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	yes
	Robert Ernst	yes	Nick Speranza	yes
	Joan Farrow	yes	Greg Sandoval	absent

J. Finn left the meeting at 5:27.

R. Ernst left the meeting at 6:10.

Motion by J. Farrow to resume regular session at 6:20 p.m., seconded by R. Heyman, and passed.

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	absent
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	yes
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	yes
	Robert Ernst	absent	Nick Speranza	yes
	Joan Farrow	yes	Greg Sandoval	absent

Motion by S. Drobysh to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m., seconded by L. Dyrszka, and passed.

Vote:	Phyllis Coombe	yes	Josephine Finn	absent
	Steven Drobysh	yes	Russ Heyman	yes
	Larysa Dyrszka	yes	Lyman Holmes	yes
	Robert Ernst	absent	Nick Speranza	yes
	Joan Farrow	yes	Greg Sandoval	absent

Respectfully submitted,

M. Howard-Golladay
Secretary to the SCCC Board of Trustees

Recorded by C. Kashan

Approved by the SCCC Board of Trustees on April 15, 2010