

Association of Presidents of Public Community Colleges
Executive Committee Conference Call
January 21, 2005
Minutes

Presidents present on the conference call: Gabe Basil, Jim Campion, Dave Conklin, Sean Fanelli, Tom Flynn, Dennis Golladay, Dan Hayes, Carl Haynes, Don Katt, Mike Schafer

SUNY System Administration present: George Anker, Carol Eaton, Dan Esposito, Stacey Hengsterman, Denise Bukovan

Gifts for retiring Wayne Diesel and Dave Richter were discussed.

I. Agenda for February 10-11 Meeting

The draft agenda was discussed. There will be presentations by Susan Christopherson of Cornell and Kathy Kraus of the Continuing Education Association. These were proposed to be in place of a best practices presentation. Jim Campion reported that Stu Steiner will do a best practices presentation on Middle States reaccreditation in June or September.

The February 10 dinner will be at the Crowne Plaza and the February 11 meeting will be at the SUNY Plaza N 110.

II. Vice Chancellor's Items

Carol Eaton reviewed her report agenda for the meeting. She will report on the Research Foundation proposal.

Budget

Under budget initiatives, Stacey Hengsterman discussed Community College Sector Day scheduled for February 15, which is in conflict with the AACC/ACCT Legislative Summit. After discussion, it was decided to keep the Sector Day date the same.

The Governmental Affairs office will need to plan meetings between the APPCC Executive Committee and Assemblyman Canistrari and Senator LaValle. Hopefully, these can be joint meetings with CUNY presidents and central administration.

Carl Haynes and Stacey will invite Assemblyman Canistrari to the February 10 dinner.

The budget request was discussed. CUNY is asking for \$2,380. It was suggested that SUNY ask for \$2,400 which represents the \$2,350 originally intended by the legislature last year plus \$50. This will be discussed next week at a meeting to be held between APPCC and CUNY representatives on January 28. George Anker will email the Executive Committee regarding the FTE amount that would be needed to bring state aid to 1/3 of operating costs.

The Board of Trustees will meet next Tuesday at FIT. There will be a separate meeting on lobbying strategy with the Chancellor at 3:30. Sean Fanelli and Dan Hayes will attend.

It was also recommended that the budget proposal include the restoration of rental aid. The state op budget was discussed.

February 8 there will be legislative budget hearings which will include testimony from the Chancellor and a panel of presidents from 9 to 9:30. It was suggested that time for APPCC testimony be scheduled for the afternoon, perhaps jointly with CUNY. Mike Shafer and Dennis Golladay may be available for this.

It was noted that the Chancellor supports the APPCC budget request and strategy.

Other agenda items

BIRDS: John Porter will have a report on BIRDS, following up on the presidents' feedback.

Strategic Plan: The SUNY plan is still a work in progress. Meanwhile, we will use the community college final draft strategic plan as a work plan to guide priorities and operations.

NYCCT: NYCCT will hold a conference on April 29-30. Carol is organizing a presidents' and trustees' panel on the 29th to share best practices under the seven strategic plan categories. She is seeking volunteers for the panel.

Matt Behrmann email: Matt emailed presidents regarding plans to form regional groups and have regional meetings on economic development. A question was raised about what the purpose of the meetings will be. It was suggested that Carol Eaton invite Matt to address the presidents about the project at the February 11 meeting.

III. Committee Reports

SUNY/CUNY Meeting: will be held January 28 from 11 till 2. It was suggested that system transfer be discussed, or perhaps as an item at the June meeting, since the focus of the 1/28 meeting is budget strategy. Sean Fanelli suggested discussing the legislative/gubernatorial budget process vis-à-vis the Court of Appeals decision. It was also suggested that continuing support for ICCD be discussed.

IV. Other Business

Phi Theta Kappa: since the annual awards luncheon has not been planned by NYCCT, the feasibility of APPCC hosting it was discussed. The suggested date is March 28, the date of the Chancellor's Awards. Gabe Basil volunteered to help. Carol Eaton will contact the director of PTK, who is at Herkimer.

Tuition Proposal: the question was raised as to how community college transfers fit into the SUNY tuition plan. It was expressed that a transferring junior should get the same tuition as the

native junior cohort (for the year admitted to the program). Jointly registered programs are also an issue. There are no decisions yet on the community college questions. APPCC needs to keep this issue on the radar screen and needs to discuss options.

Carl Haynes will add this topic to the February 11 agenda. Tom Flynn offered to develop some options to present at that time.

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