

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCE/CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2016
(CAPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES)**

The Capital Committee segment of the Finance/Capital Committee meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Trustee Gardyn at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. The meeting took place on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower.

Present: Jorge Gardyn
John DeGrace
Arnold Drucker
Linda Green
Wanda Jackson
Edward Powers
Donna Tuman
Kathy Weiss
Jennifer Borzym, student trustee

Also in attendance: Interim President Dolan
Executive VP Saunders
Vice Presidents Conzatti, Muscarella, Reznik
Asst. VP C. Friedman, Lawless
Acting Asst. to the President for Governmental and Media Relations Murray
Comptroller Izquierdo
Treasurer Hahn

Trustee Gardyn appointed trustees Weiss and Powers as ad hoc members of the Capital/Finance Committee for today's meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Item #1-Review and approval of January 12, 2016 minutes:

Trustee Green made a motion that the minutes of January 12, 2016 be approved, and Trustee Weiss seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Item #2-Impact of not passing County Capital Plans on State funding request:

VP Muscarella noted that this was briefly discussed at the last Capital Committee meeting. Acting Assistant to the President for Governmental and Media Relations Murray noted that SUNY used to accept the draft County Capital Plan in order to give us the State matching funds. Two years ago the State started requiring us to have a fully approved Plan from the County Legislature to apply for the matching funds. The Nassau County Legislature still has not approved the County Plan. The next meeting of the County Legislature is on February 22nd, and it is hoped they will approve the plans at that meeting if we are to have a chance at getting the State funding. After the February 22nd meeting, we would not have much of a chance of getting this into the State budget. Trustee Gardyn mentioned that if the State is looking for the approved County Plan between August-October, we have to talk to our legislators now about the 2017 Plan, telling them we have to get it approved in a timely manner so we can get it into the State budget. Acting Assistant to the President Murray noted that we need to condition the legislators that they should work on the Capital Plan more quickly. Trustee Weiss asked if the Library renovation and other scheduled projects will be a year behind due to this situation. VP

Muscarella replied that there would be a delay with the Library renovation and some other projects if we don't get the State match for 2015 this year. Some projects, however, still have money left in them. AVP C. Friedman added that emergency projects would be affected also, which would severely reduce our ability to react. We would be 1 ½ years behind where we should be, because we are actually behind for both 2015 and 2016. We will not be able to bid out projects if we don't have the funds in place. AVP C. Friedman has also had conversations with the County about putting money from other projects into areas where they are needed. Interim President Dolan thanked Acting Assistant to the President Murray for her efforts with the County to try and get this issue resolved.

Item #3-2015 and 2016 County Capital Plans-status:

VP Muscarella noted that the highlighted areas of the packet handout give the details on projects and funding.

Item #4-Capital Expenditures Report:

AVP C. Friedman reviewed the expenditures on the handout from packet. The Best Climate expenditures are a result of the pipe leak and resulting HTHW issues.

Item #5-State Reimbursement Status:

AVP C. Friedman reviewed the handout, noting that to date the County has received almost \$45M in reimbursements. These reimbursements are a good cash flow for us, because 50% of the funding comes back from the State to the County which comes back to us for future projects.

Item #6-Discussion of Dormitory Options:

Trustee Gardyn had previously asked VP Muscarella to explore the possibility of securing dorms for international students in order to increase enrollment and attract more foreign students. VP Muscarella gave some background information on this. Building dormitories ourselves would require money for construction, staff, etc. VP Muscarella provided some information on this in the meeting packet. The maximum number of students we would want to house in the dorms would be 400. Constructing the dorms ourselves would require a significant capital outlay. We could also set up a corporation under a campus auxiliary to run it. It would not be part of the operating budget. The size of the building would be approximately twice the size of the Life Sciences Building. VP Reznik added that she has contacted CCBOA for information and will try to have a conversation with them on this. Trustee Weiss expressed concerns that we have so much on our plate at the College at present with finances, retention, etc., that planning for dorms may detract from other important issues. Trustee Powers asked if the dorm should be placed close to the Physical Plant Building since the parking lot at that location is usually empty. VP Muscarella noted that that could be a good possible location. Trustee Gardyn asked VP Conzatti to speak to the Committee regarding dorms and the issues Trustee Weiss expressed. VP Conzatti said that we want the College to move forward. One of the things that hinder us in accepting foreign students is that we don't have dorms for them. We receive double tuition for each foreign student. Trustee Gardyn said that this is something important to look at today. VP Conzatti noted that we have been discussing dorms for foreign student for many years. We have to look at retention today, but we also must look down the road 3-5 years from now. We need a multi-pronged approach. Trustee Jackson asked who we are competing with for these students. Interim President Dolan noted that Sullivan Community College recently built dorms. VP Conzatti said students from Brazil and China are very interested. Hofstra and Adelphi dorms are full to capacity. We are looking into intermediary steps to house foreign students at the present time. We tried housing them at SUNY Old Westbury but that was not successful. VP Conzatti said we should either move forward with this issue or take it off the table for discussion. Interim President Dolan said that we are close to New York City and foreign students like that proximity. These

students want to come here, and they are part of government-sponsored programs in their countries. VP Reznik said that one of the questions we will explore is to see what building dorms did for new enrollment and retention in the colleges who built them. Trustee Gardyn thanked VP Muscarella for looking into this subject and asked what the next step would be. VP Muscarella noted that we would have to decide how we want to attack this. Trustee Tuman noted that adding dorms extends the atmosphere and ambiance of a campus. It is also an option for students who are not sure that they want to go to a four-year school. Trustee DeGrace noted that Molloy College recently built dorms and perhaps we could look at them. Interim President Dolan said that the next step is for VP Reznik to get data and bring it to the next BOT meeting; he would like this to go before the full Board.

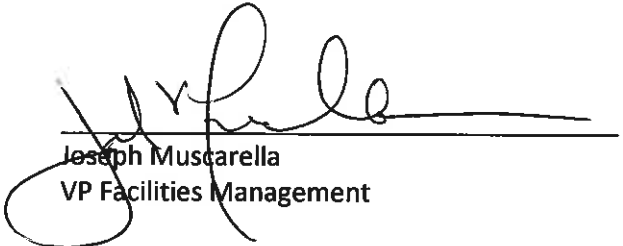
Item #7-Request for waiver of Facilities rental fee-Empire State Games:

VP Muscarella noted that this is routine and we do this every year. Trustee Gardyn made a motion to consider a resolution relating to the waiver of facilities rental fees for the Empire State Games, and trustee Jackson seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Item #8-Project Status:

AVP C. Friedman gave update.

Capital Committee meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m., and the Finance Committee portion of the meeting immediately followed.



Joseph Muscarella
VP Facilities Management