

**Budget Advisory Group Meeting
Minutes
April 20, 2022
201 Marano Campus Center**

Attendance:

Present:

Mary Toale
Scott Furlong
Bonita Hampton
Emily Estrada
Elizabeth Schmitt
Steven Abraham
James MacKenzie
Wendy McManus
Kelly Roe
Takayla Beckon
Reginald Braggs

Vicki Furlong
Kathleen Kerr
Sara Rebeor
Laura Spenceley
Jill Pippin
Julie Pretzat-Merchant
Kristin Croyle
Mitch Fields
Mark Slayton
Kristi Eck
Wayne Westervelt
Sean Moriarty

Rameen Mohammadi
Sarah Weisman
Rick Back
Debbie Furlong
Rodrick Andrews
Prabakar Kothandaraman
Mary Canale
Kendra Cadogen
Joel Wincowski
Joanne O'Toole
Becky Waters

Not Present:

Sarfraz Mian
Kristin Eichhorn

Gary Thompson
Dean Crawford
Leigh Wilson

Frank Byrne
Judith Wyman Collette

Agenda

1. New York State 2022-2023 Enacted Budget Highlights
2. SUNY Oswego Budget Planning
3. SUNY Oswego Enrollment
4. SUNY Oswego COVID-19 Related Expenses
5. SUNY Oswego HEERF
6. SUNY Oswego HEERF: Mental Health
7. Oswego College Foundation
8. Capital Updates

Welcome (Officer in Charge Mary Toale)

- Welcome
- NYS Budget has been approved; highlights are below:
 - No reductions to 2021-2022 Direct State Tax funding levels
 - \$53.0m across SUNY for new Full-Time Faculty and fringe benefit costs
 - Support for growth in programs
 - EOP
 - Mental Health
 - Expansion of the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

- Part-time students
- Incarcerated individuals
- Removing work requirements for childcare subsidies for students
- \$60m for one-time strategic investments in state-operated campuses, statutory colleges, hospitals, and community colleges final plan is still in the works on implementation
- Elimination of the existing SUNY Tuition Credit (TAP Gap - \$2.6m)
- Elimination of the “Excelsior Tuition Rate Lag”
 - Re-setting the rate of tuition to 2022-2023 levels. This will help our students tremendously and SUNY Oswego
- Increased levels of capital investment (\$660m above the annual \$550m)
 - \$650m lump sum in Flexible Bonded Capital
 - \$10m for Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)
- One-time investment in child-care centers for both state-operated campuses and community colleges (\$10.8m combined). This does not have a major impact on us, but does always help

SUNY Oswego Budget 2021-2022 Update (Current Fiscal Year)

- Five-year Financial Plan Summary presented
- Current 2021 – 2022 budget is \$65.06m with \$49.22m tuition and 15.84m NYS support
- Overall tuition revenue over the previous four years has been down between \$4m - \$1m
- Enrollment efforts continue to increase tuition dollars since NYS support will remain consistent over the next years as usual
- Fully restored state tax support
- All union contract raises were paid by SUNY Oswego
 - UUP Discretionary: \$235,798
 - Equity Compression: \$235,798 to 264 employees
- Continued challenges with overall financial plan continue—enrollment/revenue related

SUNY Oswego Fall Official Headcounts 2017-2021

- Down about 1,000 over the past five years

SUNY Oswego New Student (FT&PT) Enrollment 2017-2022

- Continuing to improve enrollment numbers. The part-time TAP aid proposed has the potential to make SUNY Oswego attractive and accessible to more part-time students

Fall First-Year Apps, Admits, Deposits as of 4/13 Each Year

- Our success with applications, admits and deposits as of today is great. We are looking forward to the numbers on May 1. The continued strategies and collaborations are working well with all members of the campus. Thank you everyone for your efforts and Rod Andrews is doing a great job with the financial aid support with admissions. Our deposits are 762 which is an increase of 333 from last year. Applications total 12,078 and admits are 9,777.

Fall Transfer Apps, Admits, Deposits as of 4/13 Each Year

- Transfer student numbers are down, as there is a community college student decline
We are thinking of ideas to increase transfer applications
- International student applications have increased
- SUNY Oswego compared to other SUNY comprehensives is number two in first-year student applications and number three in transfer applications
- We project for 2022 about 3010 students living in campus residences

SUNY Oswego COVID-19 Related Expenses

- Much appreciation to our nurses, nursing staff, and Mitch Galvin for leading our student workers at our on-campus testing site and to Karen Hurd for helping to secure PPE
- Hopefully this slide with COVID-19 expenses will eventually be released from the briefing as the pandemic recedes

Synopsis of Federal Relief Funding: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

- We were given an extension for institutional use for HEERF through the federal government, so the new distribution date is 6/30/2023. This gives us more time to identify and implement a lot of ideas and for students to benefit from our actions

HEERF Mental Health Spending

- Fall 2021: Campus wide committee formed
- Items approved: Spring 2022 student fitness center memberships free (looking to maintain without grant), Expanded Question, Persuade, Refer (suicide prevention) training for staff, Mental Health and Wellness Website/Online resource portal, Mental Health and Wellness library resources, Outdoor seating, and meditation booths.
- Additional items being considered to complete the mental health spending. Final semester meeting of the committee is Apr. 29th
- Student Association has been active in providing recommendations to the committee

Oswego College Foundation (OCF)

- Endowment is currently over \$60.7 million
- Raised over \$6 million thus far this fiscal year
- OCF provided over \$3 million in support of students and campus
 - \$1.4 million in student scholarship support
 - \$1.6 million in support of campus programs and departments
- 675 donor funded student scholarship recipients are projected for 2022

Capital Updates: Conceptual Phase

- Tyler Hall Phase III: \$5.5m
- Penfield-Lanigan Connector: \$76m

- Penfield Library and Resource Center
 - Lanigan Rehab
- Student Life Facility: \$30m
- Sheldon Hall Rehab: \$7.5m

Capital Updates: Design Phase

- Hewitt Hall Phase II (pre-bid): \$38m
- Mahar Hall Rehab (advertise for design May 2022): \$45m
- Hewitt Quad: \$5m
- Rudolph Road Steam Line: \$5m
- Critical Maintenance
 - Emergency Generators: \$2.5m
 - Roofs: \$2.1m
 - HVAC \$1.4m

Capital Updates: Construction Phase

- Hewitt Hall Phase I: \$18m
- Sheldon Terracotta: \$14m
- Hart Hall Upgrades: \$1.3m
- Artville/Bookville Relocation: \$1.3m

Questions/Discussion:

COVID 19 testing site will be taken over by Quadrant to relieve our staff of the burden.

Community testing has decreased significantly and Fall 2022 testing will remain in Poucher.

COVID 19 expenses for masks, testing, etc. may be reimbursed by the federal government, but we are waiting for the final resolution. Operational nor reserve funds have been used for COVID expenses.

Utilizing \$610k for mental health is going well to meet the May 2022 deadline. 316k has been used so far and other ideas have come up to decide on at the final committee meeting of the semester which is April 29th.

Fitness Center fee solution will allow students to continue to benefit from a fee free fitness center going forward for all students. A free center allows students who cannot afford the fee to also have an opportunity for using the facility.

The Lanigan water leak has been repaired. There are other leaks throughout the campus which are being repaired as well.

Enrollment application numbers are up due to superb effort of all members of the Oswego community particular faculty, deans, staff, and others who have supported the student recruiting effort.

No particular items have been discussed concerning surge because there is not a problem identified to resolve.

The student association president bids farewell to the Budget Advisory Group as she completes her final meeting as president.