

**Budget Advisory Group Meeting
Minutes
March 23, 2022
Via Zoom**

Attendance:

Present:

Mary Toale
Dean Crawford
Emily Estrada
Elizabeth Schmitt
Frank Byrne
Steven Abraham
James MacKenzie
Leigh Wilson
Kelly Roe
Takayla Beckon

Reginald Braggs
Vicki Furlong
Kathleen Kerr
Kristen Eichhorn
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
Sarfraz Mian
Mary Canale
Kendra Cadogen
Joel Wincowski
Joanne O'Toole
Becky Waters

Not Present:

Scott Furlong
Bonita Hampton

Debbie Furlong
Rodrick Andrews
Gary Thompson

Prabakar Kothandaraman
Judith Wyman Collette

Agenda

1. Governor's Proposed Budget Highlights 2022-2023
2. SUNY Oswego Budget Planning
3. SUNY Oswego Enrollment
4. SUNY Oswego COVID-19 Related Expenses
5. SUNY Oswego HEERF
6. Oswego College Foundation
7. Capital Updates

Welcome (Officer in Charge Mary Toale)

- Welcome
- Executive Budget proposed increase: \$48.8 million, both Houses are in compliance
 - No tuition increases proposed
 - Annual reset of Excelsior Scholarship program tuition
 - Full TAP Gap elimination in 2022-2023
 - EOP increased support across all SUNYs
 - Capital Funding; Looking to maintain the critical, doing the allocations, looking at priority projects, looking at a five-year plan
 - New Flexible Capital Funding; Proposal for new construction, programmatic, or critical maintenance.
- One House bill in process; will know more in April (next meeting)

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

- Fully restored State tax support
- All union contract raises were paid by SUNY Oswego (UUP Discretionary, Equity Compression 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

Students Living On-Campus Residential Housing Fall Semesters 2017-2021

- We are a residential campus; we are continuing to explore ways to attract students to remain living on campus. Our campus is transformed when we have a healthy residential population.
- Working with ResLife to make contracts clearer and available sooner

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

- Continuing to move the dial on enrollment. We are hopeful that the part-time TAP aid proposed will make SUNY Oswego attractive and accessible to part-time students.

Fall First-Year Apps, Admits, Deposits as of 3/16 Each Year

- We are doing great as of today, so we are looking forward to the numbers on May 1; there are a lot of strategies, collaboration. Thank you everyone for your efforts.

Fall Transfer Apps, Admits, Deposits as of 3/16 Each Year

- Transfer student numbers are down, as there is a community college student decline

SUNY Oswego COVID-19 Related Expenses

- Thank you again 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.

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.

Oswego College Foundation (OCF)

- Endowment is currently over \$60.2 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

Capital Updates: Conceptual Phase

- Tyler Hall Phase III: \$5.5m
- Mahar Hall Rehab: \$34m
- 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
- 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 Updates: \$1.3m
- Artville/Bookville Relocation: \$1.3m
- Ahead of schedule, starting to drill the new geothermal wells to help us to move away from fossil fuels

Capital Updates: Moonshot

Goal: Carbon Neutral Campus Energy

How: Build a Renewable Energy Microgrid and Geothermal Fields

- Generates electricity with local battery/power storage
- Interconnected with chilled/hot water loop
- Surplus thermal storage tanks

Questions/Discussion:

Budget from NYS looks good, however, enrollment is the main source of revenue.

Residence Life improvements have been made to support students' education and overall residential life experience.

The continuation of the effort toward carbon neutral status continues, as the geothermal drilling near Hart Hall begins.

Hewitt Hall exterior will be complete by fall 2022; interior renovation likely fall 2023.

The fiscal reserves for SUNY schools as stated by the MSCHE team = 25%, 15% is a more realistic number.

The reasonable FTE goal is elusive as we continue to ponder how to expand our residential, online, graduate, and Syracuse campus student populations.

The FEMA money reimbursement is still on its way.