

**TOMPKINS CORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COLLEGE FORUM
APPROVED MINUTES
November 19, 2008**

PRESENT: A. Bair, K. Campbell, K. Caveney, S. Georgiakaki, B. Gowe, O. Hersey, K. Khammee, R. Kowalski-Oltz, J. MacLain, L. MacLeod, K. Reynolds, C. Sammis, L. Thompson, B. Wood

EXCUSED: D. Bethoney, T. Brunner, A. D'Abbracci, B. Moffett, M. Paucke, J. Ray, M. Schmidt

GUEST: Sue Dewey, Janice Lawrence, Bud Moody, Lisa Payne, Tim Putman, Pam Sullivan, Blix Taetzsch, Paul Testa, Seth Thompson, Ken Whitener, Victoria Zeppelin

CALL TO ORDER:

K. Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 10, 2008 Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the October 10th meeting was made by O. Hersey, seconded by B. Wood. The minutes were approved with a vote of 8 affirmative and 3 abstentions.

November 7, 2008 Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the November 7th meeting was made by R. Kowalski-Oltz, seconded by O. Hersey. The minutes were approved with a vote of 6 affirmative and 5 abstentions

NEW BUSINESS:

Welcome new student representative: Katrina welcomed the third and final student representative to the Forum, Bruce Gower.

Budget process presentation: Blix and Sue gave a Power Point presentation, "Budget Process Overview". The original state law said community college costs were to be evenly divided between the student, the county and the state but that is not happening. Blix said the trend is for students to pay more, 46.3%. There is discussion but no plan if we lose state money. If/when we receive a cut we will need to either raise tuition and fees and/or decrease spending. Seventy percent of appropriations go to salaries and benefits. We are unsure of state funding cuts at this time.

Appropriations by Source – Sue will provide a more detailed breakdown of the categories included in the Appropriations by Source. About 70% of our spending is in direct support of services to students.

There were questions about how FTE's are calculated and if there was any possibility of the calculation changing. Blix explained that 1 FTE is 15 credits and it is the basis of how we receive aid. It was pointed out that students used to take more credits per semester but because financial aid considers 12 credits full time, students are taking less. It usually takes more than one student to get 1 FTE.

Appropriations by Object - About 70% is salaries and benefits. Contractuals include what we pay to teach high school concurrent students and the rest is utilities and other costs.

Capital Budget - The Capital budget is totally separate and has nothing to do with the operating budget. It is normally 50% state funded and 50% county but we have raised the local share so the counties are not burdened.

Most of our budget is contractual and cannot be changed; a very small part is flexible and subject to cuts. Four year schools can reduce their budgets by not accepting as many students. SUNY Binghamton has announced they will not be accepting transfers and other schools may follow. SUNY 4-year schools have not had a tuition increase in 8 years and they are considering a mid-spring semester increase. It is possible that we will see an \$800,000 budget cut mid-semester. SUNY has to approve any tuition increase.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn at 12:50 was made by A. Bair; seconded by B. Wood; approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyn Thompson