



FLCC AD HOC COMMITTEE

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: 74 Ontario St., 2nd Floor Committee Room 213, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Friday, January 6, 2023

Members Present

- Chair Christopher Vastola, Supervisor, Town of Canadice
- Vice Chair George Cushman, Member, FLCC Board of Trustees
- Dr. Robert Nye, President, FLCC, Ex Officio
- Joan Geise, Chair, FLCC Board of Trustees
- Jared Simpson, Supervisor, Town of Canandaigua was declared absent.
- Christopher DeBolt, Ontario County Administrator, Ex Officio – 3:38 pm
- Fred Wille, Supervisor, Town of East Bloomfield
- Santa Abraham, Member, FLCC Board of Trustees

Others Present

- Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the BOS

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by Chairman Vastola.

Approval of minutes: Mr. Cushman motioned to approve the December 9, 2022 minutes, seconded by Ms. Geise. The motion carried with Ms. Abraham abstaining due to her absence of the December 9th meeting.

Ontario County School District Maps distributed

- Maps were provided of the School Districts.
- The schools are important to bring in people. The problem is housing shortages as well as the infrastructure is not there for many of the towns. Supervisor Wille has talked with many developers to understand why developers do not assist with infrastructure. He agreed quality education will draw families. Ms. Geise questioned how can we help to get money to get infrastructure?
- Dr. Nye said it is research in the grant area. The need to work together in commerce approved for community colleges, ear marked in terms of economic development and grants.
- If FLCC were to partner with the towns and have the college on the request, it may make the grant application more persuasive.
- Ontario County owns sewer district around Honeoye Lake and Canandaigua Lake. If you can make the districts contiguous, there may be an advantage.
- Realtors could sell if there were infrastructure.

Actions requested by BOS

- *Data Breakdown by school district / Town, Gemini program*
- *Breakdown by School District / Town, Matriculated Students*
- *Overall enrollment breakdowns by program, including demographics*
- Chair Vastola asked if the different metrics of information could be consolidated, such as an exportable package with Excel as a suggestion.
- There are over 360 Transfer Articulation and Joint Admission Agreements that allow the credits to transfer to another school, Chair Vastola commented that was a much larger number than he thought.
- Joan Geise said the Gemini program saves money for the families, they try to sell the program to the students.
- Dr. Nye said there is a constraint in the Gemini; working with the schools, the instructor has to be eligible (having a Master's degree) to instruct the courses. Ask the principles of the school, how many Gemini courses do you have? How many do you think you could put in to help your students?

- Santa Abraham asked if the smaller school districts could use someone from another school to instruct the Gemini classes using remote applications? Joan Geise said the school districts offer the core classes such as English, Social Studies, and sciences. She agreed the smaller schools could benefit from something like that. Vice Chair Cushman agrees that Santa brings an interesting idea, and it is out of the box thinking.
- Chris DeBolt asked what role does BOCES have with something like that? It was noted they are complimentary competitors.
- Dr. Nye gave an example of the Geneva High School and how many Gemini classes they offer.
- Joan said Gemini took a long time to sell it, getting the counselors on board was a big thing.
- Supervisor Wille said there has been a reduction in enrollment for the Bloomfield school; in the last 20 years, they lost 950-1000 students.
- Consolidation discussion took place, but consolidation will not be like the consolidation that previously take place.

Actions requested by FLCC

- Joan Geise said the only way to move forward with the college is with the help of the County.
- Vice Chair Cushman said all the community college trustees across all of NY are approaching the state and teamed up with the Association of college presidents as well as SUNY. They are approaching with three things with urgency:
 - ✓ Floor funding – Floor funding basically establishes the baseline for the colleges. This funding has been stagnant for at least 10-15 years. They need to get the Floor up to an acceptable level so they can at least provide basic services.
 - ✓ They are asking for a 4% increase per year to keep salaries and tuition even.
 - ✓ They are asking for a \$60MM separate line item to distribute among the colleges. It is tied to workforce development investment that they cannot make otherwise regionally and also toward enrollment including retention.
- He said there has been a change in population and also demographics. The full-time students have gone down, but the part-time students have gone up, but they still have to support the students. The state has been using the wrong metrics. He said they are really pushing the state to understand this.
- Vice Chair Cushman said the county can help by working with the state elected representatives to put in a good word. They need as many voices of voters of those elected officials to bring attention to their plight. He said he believes the elected officials seem to be very proud of their community colleges, but he doesn't think they fully understand the pressure they are under which is scary about the future.
- Another area is the private sector, but a partnership needs money. Dr. Nye said with the Gallo Company, the national workforce coordinator had no interest with college students, they only wanted students out of the high schools. There is a workforce. Thompson Health, Canandaigua National Bank has kids, but no partnership.
- Santa Abraham asked if there was a list of all the companies in Ontario County based on revenue and number of employees. Chris DeBolt said there is a list of the top 100, but their revenue is not public information. A list is to be provided for the next meeting. Ms. Abraham asked that the genre, meaning the category of the type of jobs listed as well.
- Partnering more in their grant process.
- Chris DeBolt said there is a large advanced manufacturer looking to do a half a billion-dollar expansion in the County which when finished, there will be 440 new jobs. What they need to be working on is a parallel track as soon as this is confirmed that it is going forward to be working with FLCC for the resources to get the programs up and running. They need to be talking to workforce investment.
- It takes an initial investment by the company to have a return. Tuition reimbursement is another option.
- Bring in more alumni to think about helping the college in other ways.
- Linking County activities to college activities.
- Funding for Floor is on the NYSAC agendas
- Brochure of our international students of our community college
- Opportunity to showcase some of the things the FLCC does such as the Holo Lens.
- Chairman Vastola proposed one of the FLCC Ad Hoc meetings be held at Muller Field station this summer. Dr. Nye suggested to set it at a different time, such as the Spring Open House, or the GED graduation.

- Economic Development – The college is first and foremost a partner, a role for Ryan Davis, Economic Developer. There is a change in the labor model to drive home. Cost in their bottom line, to pony up front is part of a conversation.
- Silent hiring, moving people into different jobs within the company, to have companies work with the college to provide higher education so that their employees can move inside the company.
- What services to provide with recovery people coming out of the jail. Making education as a part of the restorative services.

Dr Nye closed with a story about a student who used to be an addict, two times in prison, 67 years old, going to Keuka College.

Next Meeting Date and Time:

The future meetings were proposed for every 5 weeks. Vice Chair Cushman motioned to accept the proposed schedule, seconded by Ms. Geise. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be Friday, February 10, 2023 at 3:30 pm in the Committee Room at 74 Ontario Street.

It was suggested to rotate meetings to the FLCC Carpenter Board room, Muller Field Station, et cetera.

On motion of Ms. Abraham, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm. Ms. Geise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors