

President's Report

UFS WINTER PLENARY

JANUARY 21-22, 2021

Housekeeping

SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference

SUNY Student Survey

UFS business

election

“chat”

agenda shifts (real & virtual)

Personnel changes

At System

- SUNY Provost
- SUNY Chief Operating Officer

On campuses

- Empire State College
- Oneonta
- SUNY Polytechnic

Board activity

October

- New presidents: Joanie Mahoney, Environmental Science & Forestry; Dr. Timothy Sams, Old Westbury; Dr. Mantosh Dewan, Upstate Medical University
- Fun with finance: decreasing enrollments + raises; start to develop master plan

November

- Commendation to Dr. Stephen Thomas, Upstate Medical University
- spring re-opening guidance
- public hearing of extraordinary length

December

- Approval of SUNY budget (“ask” to state)
- New provost-in-charge at SUNY, Shadi Sandvik; new acting president at SUNY Polytechnic, Tod Laursen; reappointment for interim president Erie, new president Monroe Community College
- Rule-making for additional year of service limit for continuing appointment for current non-tenured faculty (opt out)

Budget

Basic information

- All state agencies asked for 5% cut
- Represents what we've asked for, what's in exec NOT final budget (see: April 1)

Flexibility

- Flexibility to control how we allocate, use and reduce?
- As last resort, ability to furlough staff
- Extension of rational tuition through 2024-25; maximum \$200/year increase
- Doctoral institutions can set differential tuition rates for high demand programs
- Contractual salary increases (CSEA, UUP, etc) delayed until 2022-23FY

Streamlining

- Educational program approval

Budget, continued

DEI

- Holding harmless Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC), Educational Opportunity Program (EOP); Promoting, Recruitment, Opportunity, Diversity, Inclusion and Growth (PRODIG) – efforts aimed at students, faculty & staff
- See flexibility on 5% cut

Healthcare

- Access to \$50m COVID recovery fund –offset costs testing, vaccination sites
- No relief for hospital debt service
- Possible reduction in capital rate add-on for inpatient services
- Ending state-funded Indigent Care Pool (ICP) payments for public hospitals
- Ending stem cell, spinal research programs

Still more budget

Capital

- \$550m (flat) critical maintenance
- \$50m/university hospital for capital support

Green energy

- Offshore Wind Training Institute – Farmingdale + Stony Brook

Miscellaneous

- Reduction in childcare
- Excelsior: extend 2016-17 rate through 2022-23; annual tuition reset after this period
- Community colleges: lower FTE rate for this year; help accessing federal funding; can lower tuition for high demand certificate programs (military, industry)

Task Forces

General Education Advisory Committee (Provost)

- Target: end of academic year
- Big questions: number of categories; competency v. knowledge area; scaffolding (two v. four years); transferability

SUNY Online (Provost)

- 9 campuses/6 pathways: digital security; psychology; health care management; business/accounting; data science; engineering
- Commitment from campus
- Increase number of special upper division courses?

Mental Health Task Force (Board)

- Survey out to campuses soon
- QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training coming soon

Task Forces

Racial Equity Action Plan (Chancellor)

- Goal: create plan to increase racial diversity across our 64 campuses
- Moving briskly –tight timeline

SUNY Voices Action Committee (Chancellor)

- Some “naming” confusion
- Membership composition

And???

Questions?

And thank you