



May 7, 2024

Executive Committee of the Faculty & Professional Staff Assembly Meeting

Agenda

- Presiding Officer's welcome remarks
- Old Business
- New Business.
- Good and Welfare
- Adjourn

Meeting Called to Order: 5:00 pm Via Zoom

Members Present:

Allen Norin Edeline Mitton Cristopher Roman Alithia Alleyne Katherine Bratby Clinton Brown T'Shura Brown Puneet Dhaliwal Daniel Ehlke Adiebonye Jumbo	Chella Kamarajan Richard Kollmar Nicolas Penington Katherine Perkins Joan Ritter-Teitel Mark Stewart Ramaswamy Viswanathan
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PO Norin called the meeting to discuss his interaction with the Chancellor's King meeting on May 2nd.

PO Norin reminded the committee members of the recent document forwarded by the Clinical Department Chairs, which he had forwarded to the Chancellor's Office. PO Norin stated that he did not receive a response from the Chancellor or his staff.

PO Norin read the correspondent sent - *The Assembly Executive Committee has now voted 19 of 19 to endorse the attached Hospital Renovation plan developed by the College of Medicine Chairs Committee regarding Building a Better University Hospital at Downstate: This is a vision of the College of Medicine Chairs, and we view it, and in the intent here, as when I say we, we, meaning the Executive Committee.*

Use the plan as timely, comprehensive, feasible, and within SUNY's budget proposals.

The plan will improve patient care in Central Brooklyn and enhance the training of residents and students in our five colleges and schools. Please consider recommending the chair's plan to the Advisory Board, which recommended a pathway for building a better university hospital at Downstate.

We look forward to working with you on this matter.

PO Norin proceeded to debrief the committee on the Chancellor's meeting---For about 30 minutes, the Chancellor gave a history of the hospital closure announcement because only 300 million dollars were on the table for capital improvements, and in his view, that was not sufficient. Since then, the governor has added 250 of the \$300 million to the pot, a total of \$750 million that could be available for the hospital's renovation. Dr. King believed renovating a large portion of the hospital may be possible. However, there would have to be fewer beds but a substantial number of beds to renovate the hospital and certainly not create a new one.

Member Viswanathan remarked that the legislature has to authorize the \$750 million. With the governor, the proposal is that the commission is authorized to recommend up to 250 of the current \$300 proposal. But still, the Legislature has to go to the Commission to approve and recommend it, and the Legislature has to authorize it. Then, obviously, the building and the renovation of the inpatient units can go on.

Member Stewart responded that was his takeaway as well. He did not view this as a turnaround but was open to the possibility of a rational plan. There's a commitment of \$300 million for capital improvements and \$100 million to cover the deficit for this year, and they have permission to discuss additional costs up to \$750. But there's no guarantee that any of that would get funded.

David Wlody (invited guest) remarked that it is great that the Chancellor expressed a willingness to consider this larger sum of money for capital allocation. But he is not yet convinced that he's had a real change of heart. The other thing that I would say is that the performance of the hospital over the next year is going to make a huge difference, and unless the hospital can show a significant turnaround in its financial status, I don't think there's going to be any appetite for throwing more money in into the institution. At the local level, we must make significant changes in the hospital's operations.

Alithia Alleyne: asked if the May 2nd meeting minutes with the Chancellor were recorded.

PO Norin stated that he requested this and was told by Ms. Valery Gray that no minutes or recordings were available.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM