

Amendment to the 2012-2013 Erie Community College Budget

Whereas, the record of the public hearing on the 2012-2013 Erie Community College budget presented a strong concern regarding the reduction of full time teaching staff (47 fewer positions over the last 5 years), and

Whereas, full time teaching positions maximize the effectiveness of the teacher-student relationship and are critical to the success of the Community College mission, and

Whereas, the historical arrangement for the provision of major legal services on behalf of ECC was through the Erie County Attorney's office and that historical arrangement has been replaced with the creation of the office of the Vice-President of Legal affairs, a new and additional administrative cost center, and

Whereas, the 2012-2013 ECC Budget includes an appropriation of \$600,000 for a "swipe card" program that has not yet been fully justified or explained to the Legislature, the professional staff at ECC, and other concerned persons,

Therefore, now be it resolved, that the administrative position of Vice-President for Legal Affairs be deleted from the ECC Budget and the amount of money associated with that position be placed in a contingency account for the sole purpose of establishing full time teaching positions, and

Be it further resolved, that the "swipe card" initiative be deleted from the ECC budget and the sum of money, \$600,000, associated with this initiative be placed in a contingency account for the sole purpose of full time teaching positions, and

Be it further resolved, that the decision regarding the specific positions added to the teaching staff of ECC be the result of a collaborative effort between the administration and the faculty, and

Be it further resolved, that the "swipe card" initiative be brought to the Legislature and fully vetted for consideration in a future budget.

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