

May 18, 2017

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR LOUGHRAN.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
- a. INTRO. 21-7 (2016)
MILLER-WILLIAMS: “Dialogue Concerning ECC's Relationship with Middle Early College”
(Chair’s Motion)

b. COMM. 21E-4 (2016)
MILLER-WILLIAMS: “Letter to ECC President Regarding ECC's Relationship with Middle Early College”
(Chair’s Motion)

c. COMM. 21M-4 (2016)
PRESIDENT, ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE: “Letter to Legislator Miller-Williams Regarding ECC's Relationship with Middle Early College”
(Chair’s Motion)

d. COMM. 6D-7 (2017)
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: “ECC STEM Building Status Report - Feb. 2017”
(Chair’s Motion)

e. COMM. 6M-4 (2017)
TRUSTEES, BUFFALO & EC PUBLIC LIBRARY: “Follow-Up Information to Committee Discussion”
(Chair’s Motion)

f. COMM. 8E-3 (2017)
COMPTROLLER: “Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter for ECC for Fiscal Year Ended Aug. 31, 2016”
(Chair’s Motion)

g. COMM. 8D-4 (2017)
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: “ECC STEM Building Status Report - Mar. 2017”
(Chair’s Motion)
2. COMM. 9E-24 (2017)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS: The Erie Community College Board of Trustees approved Starfish by Hobsons as a vendor renewal at their March 30, 2017 Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS: Starfish by Hobsons was the vendor approved for a maximum contract not to exceed \$67,300; and received SUNY/NYS contract pricing; and

WHEREAS: The Erie County Legislature must approve contracts in excess of \$50,000.00 for the College; and

WHEREAS: Starfish by Hobsons has become the college’s preeminent communication tool with students and is the only case management tool in use at ECC. Continuation is essential to maintaining progress on the college’s completion agenda as well as to increase the persistence, retention, and graduation rates of ECC students; and

WHEREAS: Starfish by Hobsons was chosen as the provider for an early alert system for students; and

WHEREAS: The goals of the *Starfish Early Alert* program are to assist the faculty in clearly articulating problem behaviors that interfere with the academic performance of their students, assist support staff with the tools and information necessary to provide effective interventions for flagged students, increase faculty, staff, and student engagement with the tool, and to evaluate Starfish’s impact upon student persistence and retention; and

WHEREAS: ECC has adequate funds available in its operating budget to cover the cost of this software. This initiative is in collaboration with ECC faculty, staff, and students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves awarding a contract to Starfish by Hobsons for the purpose of continuing the implementation of ECC’s early alert system at a cost to the college not to exceed \$67,300; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the President is authorized to enter a contract with Starfish by Hobsons for the above-mentioned services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the President of ECC, and the Chairman of the ECC Board of Trustees.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that upon approval by the ECC Board of Trustees a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive and to the Erie County Legislature.
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**KEVIN R. HARDWICK
CHAIR**