

**President's Council  
Meeting Notes  
February 8, 2017**

**Updates** President Esterberg reported on her trip to Albany and what was discussed at the meeting of all SUNY presidents. Among the topics highlighted at this meeting were the Excelsior Scholarship program proposed by Governor Cuomo, lobbying and capital plans.

The schedule for the Days of Reflection was reviewed and attendance at the events was discussed.

**Enrollment** Rick Miller reported that applications for fall 2017 are picking up. We are 14% down from where we were a year ago but up several percentage points from last week. Deposits are up by 19% from this time last year. Grad applications and acceptances are coming in at a decent pace. The number of applicants for certain master's programs are higher than we've seen in the last few years (Music Performance, Music Education and Community Health). International enrollments continue to come in.

**Budget** Gerhard Voggel reports that we are currently \$7000 above our budgeted numbers for the spring semester.

**Personnel** A number of personnel items were discussed.

**Performing Funding Requests** The remainder of the concept papers for funding from SUNY were reviewed, discussed and prioritized for additional development.

**Commencement Awards** Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and Leadership Through Service Award were reviewed and approved to be offered.

**Other** Congratulations were expressed to Bernadette for the glowing comments received from SUNY regarding Potsdam's DEI Strategic Plan

Mary Dolan reported that this year's Rising Stars program is going well and participants are very enthusiastic.

Mary also reported that all employees can now opt out of receiving paper pay stubs for direct deposit accounts, and this information has been communicated to the campus.