

**President's Council
Meeting Notes
January 25, 2017**

Updates President Esterberg highlighted the main parts of the Governor's Executive Budget, noting that the free tuition proposal was getting the most attention and mixed responses from legislators. SUNY is pleased to have a spotlight on public higher education and how this proposal would assist students in completing their degrees.

Enrollment Budget Rick Miller presented statistics indicating the College is down approximately 17% in undergraduate applications for the fall 2017 semester. Only two campuses in the system are not seeing declines from last year. Graduate applications are on track for the fall. Rick expressed concern for the number of returning students for the spring 2017 semester. While census day is a couple of weeks off, current projections indicate that undergraduate enrollment for the spring will be down by around 75 students. Transfer numbers for the spring are up, however, at 101 enrolled students.

Ten students are currently enrolled in the new Two Plus Two program with St. Lawrence College. We will see those students on our campus in two years. Crane audition numbers are up from last year.

Strategies to increase enrollment and to investigate the reasons for the decline in returning students were discussed.

Certified Mediators There is a need for the College to increase the number of certified mediators on campus. Mary Dolan is working with the Human Resources offices of the three neighboring campuses to bring this training to Potsdam.

Shelter in Place Drill Carol Rourke described the plan for a shelter in place drill to occur on Thursday, March 16.

Performance Funding Requests Concept papers for potential funding requests to SUNY were reviewed and discussed. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Personnel A number of personnel issues and requests were discussed.