

**SFY 2005-2006 Sub-Committee on Higher Education  
Report to the General Conference Committee**

To: Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, Co-Chair  
Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Co-Chair  
Joint General Conference Committee

From: Assemblyman Ron Canestrari, Co-Chair  
Senator Kenneth LaValle, Co-Chair  
Joint Conference Sub-Committee on Higher Education

Subject: Detailed Report of the Conference Sub-Committee on Higher Education

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On March 23, 2005 the Higher Education Conference Sub-Committee completed its work and presented a general report to the General Conference Committee. We are pleased to present this report which provides details on all the budget changes agreed to by the Sub-Committee, including the specific allocation of the Conference Sub-Committee's target.

The Co-Chairs and Conferees report that we have an agreement on a higher education package for the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year. Major components of the agreed upon higher education package include the following:

**1. Higher Education Capital Plans (SUNY & CUNY)**

The Sub-Committee agrees to provide \$663 million to support the capital plans for the City University of New York and the State University of New York.

**2. Higher Education Capital Matching Grant Program**

The Sub-Committee is continuing to work on the details of this proposal and will provide the General Conference Committee a separate final report on that component of the higher education package.

**3. TAP Restoration**

**\$116,936,400**

The Sub-Committee agrees to reject the restructuring of TAP including the 50 percent deferral of awards for those student first eligible in the 2005-2006 academic year. The Sub-Committee also rejects the proposal that would deny eligibility for TAP awards as a result of loan defaults, or changes to a student's full-time status, academic progress, or academic good standing. However, discussions on changes to the program may continue at the General Conference Committee.

**4. Community Colleges**

The Sub-Committee agrees to increase the Full Time Equivalency by \$115 each at both SUNY and CUNY Community Colleges. An increase will also be provided to Rental Aid at SUNY Community Colleges.

**5. Opportunity Programs**

**\$19.7 million**

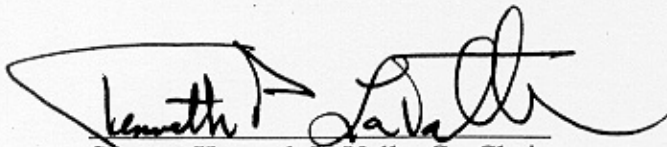
The Sub-Committee agrees to provide funding to the Opportunity Programs to restore the Executive's proposed 2005-2006 cuts as well as bringing the programs to their pre-veto levels. Funding will be provided to the Nurse Faculty and Social Worker loan forgiveness and scholarship programs.

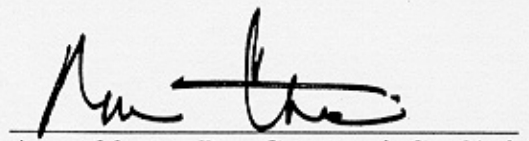
**6. Article VII Programs**

The Sub-Committee agreed to reject the Partnership for Accelerated Completion Time (PACT). They also rejected the proposal to privatize SUNY Health Science Center. The Sub-Committee accepted the hospital subsidy and agreed to accept the proposal to create an American Airlines Flight 587 Memorial Scholarship program.

**7. NYSTAR**

The Sub-Committee agrees to provide a restoration of \$2.5million for the CAT Fund, \$500,000 to the James D. Watson Investigative Program and \$1,101,100 for the Faculty Development Program for the Office of Science Technology and Academic Research (NYSTAR).

  
Senator Kenneth LaValle, Co-Chair

  
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### TABLE TARGET

#### **HESC**

TAP Restoration	\$	116,936,400
Buying Back of Executive Proposed TAP Reforms	\$	18,200,000
Reject Tap Loan Program	\$	(5,400,000)
TAP Savings for Rejecting Executive Tuition Increase	\$	(20,580,000)
<b>HESC Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>109,156,400</b>

#### **SUNY**

Operating Aid Increase to Replace Tuition Dollars	\$	59,010,000
Community College Base Aid: \$115 per FTE Increase	\$	14,066,250
Educational Opportunity Program	\$	5,810,000
Rental Aid Increase	\$	2,812,500
Marine Science Research Center	\$	525,000
<b>SUNY Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>82,223,750</b>

#### **CUNY**

Operating Aid Increase to Replace Tuition Dollars	\$	28,050,000
Community College Base Aid: \$115 per FTE Increase	\$	5,606,250
SEEK Program	\$	5,377,500
College Discovery	\$	400,000
<b>CUNY Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>39,433,750</b>

#### **SED**

Higher Education Opportunity Program	\$	8,085,000
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#### **NYSTAR**

CAT Development Fund (E-cats)	\$	2,500,000
Faculty Development Program	\$	1,101,100
James D. Watson Investigator Program	\$	500,000
<b>NYSTAR Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,101,100</b>

**Subcommittee Total** **\$ 243,000,000**