

## County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2020 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

### Resolution No. cd-2020

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2021 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories.


Introduced and read first time May 4, 2020.

By order

  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 18, 2020.

By order

  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 27, 2020.

Certified By

  
Diane Schwartz Jones, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on June 3, 2020

  
Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1           **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed a County-share of the Howard  
2 Community College Fiscal Year 2021 operating budget totaling \$36,559,860; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, debt service on outstanding bonds issued by the County for the Community  
5 College in Fiscal Year 2021 is projected to be \$11,679,720; and

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7           **WHEREAS**, \$10,417,935 in debt service will be paid directly by Howard County  
8 government; and

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10           **WHEREAS**, Section 16-301 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 requires the County governing body to review and approve the budget of the Community College;  
12 and

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14           **WHEREAS**, Section 16-301 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of  
15 Maryland requires that the operating budget approved by the governing body shall include all  
16 revenues estimated for the next fiscal year classified by funds and sources of income, including  
17 any funds from federal, State, and local sources; and

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19           **WHEREAS**, Section 16-304 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 requires the County governing body to make appropriations for the Community College by major  
21 functional categories.

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23           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,  
24 Maryland, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020 pursuant to Sections 16-301 and 16-304 of  
25 the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that it approves the Fiscal Year 2021  
26 budget of the Howard Community College in the total amount of \$187,449,999, of which the  
27 County share is \$36,559,860, and that appropriations are made for the major functional  
28 categories as attached hereto and incorporated herein.

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET  
FISCAL YEAR 2021

**REVENUES**

Functional Category	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Plant Fund	County Funded	Student Activity Fund	Total
Tuition and Fees	45,746,817	200,000	1,932,180	0	0	47,878,997
County Share	36,559,860	334,000	0	0	0	36,893,860
State of Maryland	23,110,458	4,300,000	500,000	0	0	27,910,458
Federal	0	37,693,099	0	0	0	37,693,099
Other/Restricted	16,777,910	1,482,000	3,500,000	0	124,259	21,884,169
Auxiliary Revenue	3,410,698	0	0	0	0	3,410,698
Contingency	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>126,605,743</b>	<b>44,009,099</b>	<b>5,932,180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>124,259</b>	<b>176,671,281</b>
Debt Service	0	0	0	10,417,935	0	10,417,935
OPEB	0	0	0	360,783	0	360,783
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$126,605,743</b>	<b>\$44,009,099</b>	<b>\$5,932,180</b>	<b>\$10,778,718</b>	<b>\$124,259</b>	<b>\$187,449,999</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Functional Category	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Plant Fund	County Funded	Student Activity Fund	Total
Instruction	54,440,675	4,350,000	0	0	0	58,790,675
Public Service	892,855	384,000	0	0	0	1,276,855
Academic Support	14,501,333	1,000,000	0	0	0	15,501,333
Student Services	12,093,009	5,650,049	0	0	0	17,743,058
Facilities	16,756,289	400,000	4,670,395	0	0	21,826,684
Institutional Support	18,533,307	500,000	0	0	0	19,033,307
Scholarships	4,977,577	31,075,050	0	0	0	36,052,627
Agency Funds	0	0	0	0	124,259	124,259
Auxiliary Expenses	3,410,698	650,000	0	0	0	4,060,698
Contingency	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>126,605,743</b>	<b>44,009,099</b>	<b>4,670,395</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>124,259</b>	<b>175,409,496</b>
Debt Service	0	0	1,261,785	10,417,935	0	11,679,720
Principal	0	0	802,085	5,547,456	0	6,349,541
Interest	0	0	459,700	4,870,479	0	5,330,179
OPEB	0	0	0	360,783	0	360,783
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$126,605,743</b>	<b>\$44,009,099</b>	<b>\$5,932,180</b>	<b>\$10,778,718</b>	<b>\$124,259</b>	<b>\$187,449,999</b>

**Sayers, Margery**

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Dear Howard County Councilmembers,

On behalf of Howard Community College, I am sending you the written versions of the testimony presented tonight by Dr. Kate Hetherington, president, and Feli Solá-Carter, board chair.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,

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**Testimony of Dr. Kate Hetherington**

President, Howard Community College

May 6, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

County Executive Budget Hearing

Good evening, Council Chair Jung and Councilmembers. I am Dr. Kate Hetherington, president of Howard Community College (HCC), and a resident of Columbia.

Thank you for your leadership during these challenging times. You have the tough job of funding the county's operating needs during a pandemic, and I appreciate your support of the County Executive's proposed budget for Howard Community College for this coming fiscal year.

HCC has been providing remote classes and services since March 30, and this "new normal" will continue through the summer session. I am grateful to HCC faculty and staff who pivoted quickly to remote operations and have continued to provide students with the highest level of instruction and support.

As you can imagine, working remotely is straining HCC's fiscal year (FY) 2020 operating budget and causing the college to make difficult decisions about the future.

While the college will receive funding from the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act, half of the allocation will be disbursed to students, and the remaining institutional funding comes with strict recommendations for use. HCC is still awaiting Department of Education guidance on what will and will not be covered.

At the state level, the General Assembly voted to restore full Cade funding to the community colleges, which is based on prior years' enrollment levels and amounts to an increase over last fiscal year. However, this funding can only

be received if the county maintains our current level of funding. Based on the maintenance of effort requirement for community colleges, if the county does not provide the same level of funding, we would lose the Cade increase that the legislature proposed.

It should also be noted that the Governor can cut HCC funding by 25% if there is a shortfall in state revenues. If this were to occur, HCC's FY2021 state funding could be cut by as much as \$5.2 million.

The college had originally requested Howard County provide an operating budget increase of \$3.2 million or 9% over this year's budget. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on the economy, so I appreciate the County Executive's recommended increase of \$716,860, which amounts to 2% more than last year. Tonight, I respectfully ask for your support.

The college board of trustees approved a very lean FY2021 operating budget on April 23, 2020. The following decisions by the college's board of trustees were made with the information we have at this time. If the state cuts our budget, more drastic action will need to be taken.

- In order to keep tuition affordable to our students, there will be a minimal increase of only \$2 per credit hour. We realize the challenges students and their families are facing now and limited putting another financial burden on our students.
- While the decision to delay merit for our faculty and staff was done after much deliberation, we are uncertain about revenues, especially related to enrollments in the year ahead. Once we have a better picture of our financial situation, we would look at a possible mid-year increase.
- We added only two positions to the budget for the upcoming year, with one salary being covered by a reallocation of funds and the second one

for a financial aid officer, who is desperately needed to serve our students who have lost jobs and are barely getting by.

I appreciate the support of the board of trustees in making these difficult decisions about the college's operating budget. Tonight, I urge you to do your part and fund the proposed operating budget increase that the County Executive has proposed.

Even in this challenging time, I know HCC will persevere because of the dedicated and caring community of trustees, faculty, staff, and students who believe in our mission. With your support, HCC will emerge a stronger, more resilient community college.



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**Testimony of Feli Solá-Carter**

Chair, Howard Community College Board of Trustees  
May 6, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.  
County Executive Budget Hearing

Good evening, Council Chair Jung and Councilmembers, thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight in support of Howard Community College (HCC).

I am Feli Solá-Carter, a resident of Ellicott City and chair of the college's board of trustees. This evening, I am speaking on behalf of the board.

HCC has had a long history of being on the forefront of innovation for tomorrow's workforce needs. At no time has this been more evident than today. The college is delivering all of its classes and services remotely, with students learning everything from math to nursing to construction management online. They're also receiving services such as financial aid assistance, academic advising, and career counseling to plan for job searches in this challenging time.

The college pivoted quickly to remote operations because of its focus on the success of our students. With the college's focus on continuous quality improvement, it was able to accelerate the shift from face-to-face to remote learning and services. The college is known for its focus on performance excellence and received the nation's highest honor with the 2019 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award last fall.



To continue supporting this award-winning college, I ask the Howard County Council to support the Howard County Executive's proposal for a 2% increase in next fiscal year's operating budget. This funding is essential to HCC's financial stability. There is already a projected loss in this fiscal year, and next year does not look any better. The college has yet to learn if the state will make budget cuts. The hope is that our enrollments will grow because parents will see the value of sending their high school seniors to Howard Community College rather than having them move away to go to a university in the midst of a pandemic, but our enrollment picture is uncertain at this time.

Please support HCC's operating budget request to ensure Howard County families benefit from a quality college education for years to come.

On behalf of HCC's trustees, thank you for your past support. I look forward to your continued investment in the students, faculty, and staff of Howard Community College.

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May 6, 2020

Dear Members of the Howard County Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Friends & Foundation of Howard County Library System Board of Directors to request full funding for the Howard County Library System's 2021 Budget.

I have served on the Friends & Foundation Board since 2014, and have had the privilege of leading the Board since last November. I do so because I believe in our library system. I believe in the words written over each of the branch entrances: "Public Education for All." I believe in HCLS' ability to bring the community together - even in these days of social distancing - through innovative programming and an array of virtual resources.

The physical collections are one thing: the books, media, and periodicals; the music, movies, and shows. But when our Library reopens, community members can also borrow curated artwork, or a sewing machine from the DIY Center, or a ukulele. They can access 3D printers.

Every single person with a library card can go online not only to borrow an ebook or audiobook, but also to take online courses from Gale or Lynda.com. They can learn languages using a Rosetta Stone app right on their mobile device. They can research everything from consumer reports to history to genealogy, take practice exams, and prep for tests.

The Friends & Foundation Board is proud to continue to raise funds for above budget enhancements, such as Battle of the Books, the Spelling Bee and BumbleBee, STEAM classes and events, Teen Time, the Summer Reading Challenge, Online Homework Assistance, and the Enchanted Garden.

This partnership allows our library system to thrive, but it can't do it on donations alone. The public funding makes the core offerings possible. Private funding, through Friends & Foundation donors, allows HCLS to flourish.

I appreciate your consideration of this request, and thank you for your time.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Gomez

*Chair, Friends & Foundation of Howard County Library System*

(I've included a pdf of my testimony. Thank you.)



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