

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2019 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 6

Resolution No. 606-2019

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

A RESOLUTION approving the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget for the Howard Community College and indicating appropriations for major functional categories.

Introduced and read first time May 6, 2019.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on May 20, 2019.

By order Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted , Adopted with amendments , Failed , Withdrawn , by the County Council on May 29, 2019.

Certified By Jessica Feldmark
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive on June 5, 2019

Calvin Ball
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 2020 operating budget totaling \$35,843,000; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, debt service on outstanding bonds issued by the County for the Community
5 College in Fiscal Year 2020 is projected to be \$11,577,800; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, \$10,278,200 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;
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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 29th day of May, 2019 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 2020
26 budget of the Howard Community College in the total amount of \$177,926,527, of which the
27 County share is \$35,843,000, and that appropriations are made for the major functional
28 categories as attached hereto and incorporated herein.

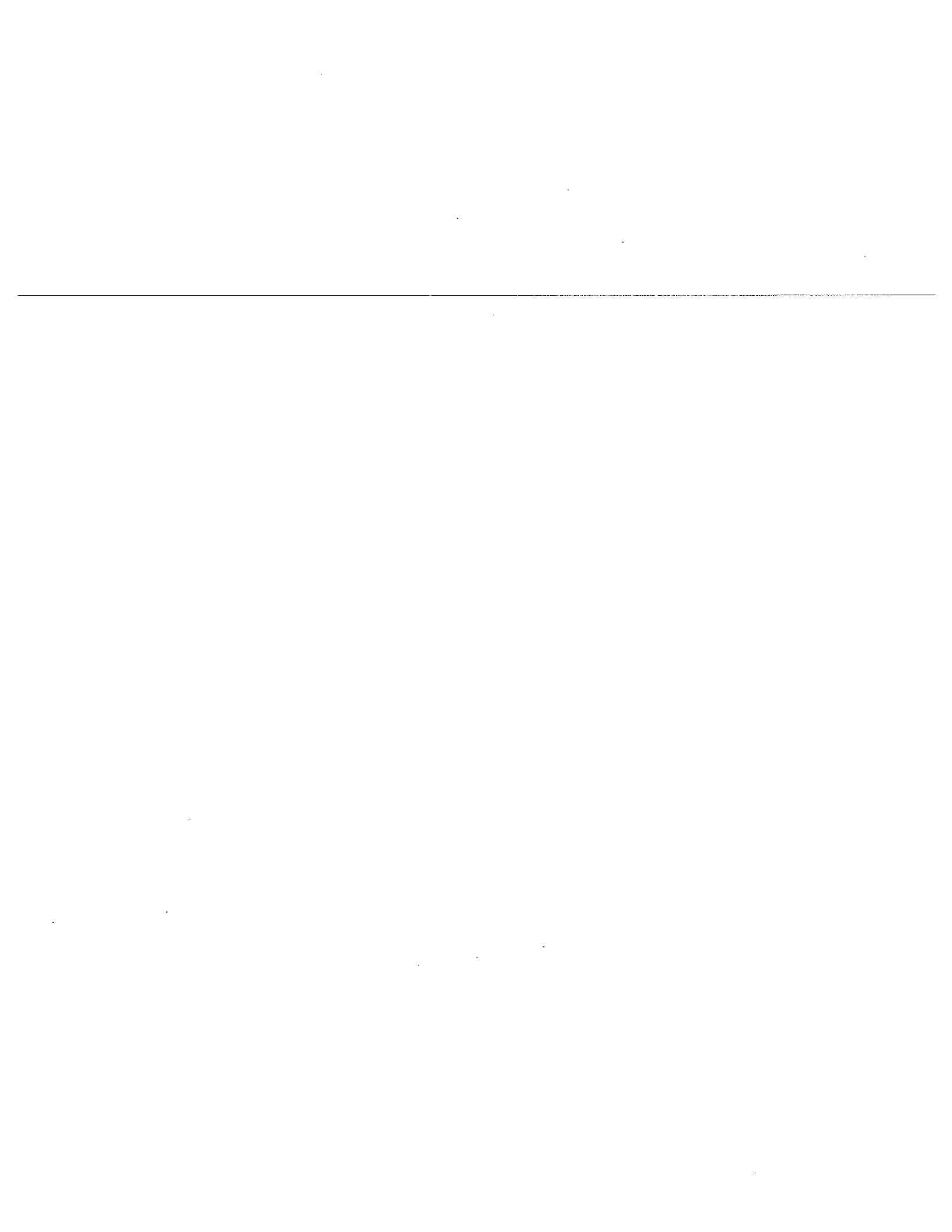
HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2020

REVENUES

Functional Category	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Plant Fund	County Funded	Student Activity Fund	Total
Tuition and Fees	45,923,356	0	1,924,888	0	237,430	48,085,674
County Share	35,843,000	400,000	0	0	0	36,243,000
State of Maryland	19,809,410	4,920,000	0	0	0	24,729,410
Federal	0	30,750,000	0	0	0	30,750,000
Other/Restricted	18,282,561	1,250,000	3,000,000	0	614,261	23,146,822
Auxiliary Revenue	3,301,337	0	0	0	0	3,301,337
Contingency	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
Subtotal	124,159,664	37,320,000	4,924,888	0	851,691	167,256,243
Debt Service	0	0	0	10,278,200	0	10,278,200
OPEB	0	0	0	392,084	0	392,084
Total	\$124,159,664	\$37,320,000	\$4,924,888	\$10,670,284	\$851,691	\$177,926,527

EXPENDITURES

Functional Category	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Plant Fund	County Funded	Student Activity Fund	Total
Instruction	53,652,349	4,600,000	0	0	0	58,252,349
Public Service	914,368	320,000	0	0	0	1,234,368
Academic Support	14,144,239	750,000	0	0	0	14,894,239
Student Services	11,701,153	1,200,000	0	0	0	12,901,153
Facilities	16,560,200	250,000	3,625,288	0	0	20,435,488
Institutional Support	18,311,074	150,000	0	0	0	18,461,074
Scholarships	4,574,944	29,900,000	0	0	0	34,474,944
Agency Funds	0	0	0	0	851,691	851,691
Auxiliary Expenses	3,301,337	150,000	0	0	0	3,451,337
Contingency	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000
Subtotal	124,159,664	37,320,000	3,625,288	0	851,691	165,956,643
Debt Service	0	0	1,299,600	10,278,200	0	11,577,800
Principal	0	0	803,946	5,664,619	0	6,468,565
Interest	0	0	495,654	4,613,581	0	5,109,235
OPEB	0	0	0	392,084	0	392,084
Total	\$124,159,664	\$37,320,000	\$4,924,888	\$10,670,284	\$851,691	\$177,926,527





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Testimony from Dr. Kathleen Hetherington

*President, Howard Community College
Howard County Council Budget Hearing
April 24, 2019*

Good evening, Chairperson Mercer Rigby, Vice Chairperson Jones and Councilmembers. I am Dr. Kate Hetherington, a Columbia resident and president of Howard Community College. HCC trustees, faculty and staff have joined me tonight, and I ask them to stand and be recognized for their tremendous commitment to our students and community.

Earlier this spring, I sat before County Executive Ball to request an 8.5 percent increase in the college's operating budget, which reflected the realities of what it takes to educate students and support the outstanding faculty and staff who are so critical to student success. Prior to making this request, HCC departments had already reduced costs or reallocated funds to ensure that we asked only for what we needed because we understand the county's fiscal constraints.

The County Executive's budget proposed a 2.5 percent increase for HCC. To accommodate this reduction to our request of 8.5 percent, the college made difficult decisions to maintain its top priority: supporting and retaining employees, while continuing to provide the best possible value for students.

Tonight, I am requesting your support of County Executive's Ball proposed budget.

The college attracts faculty and staff who believe in HCC's mission of providing pathways to success. For 10 years, HCC has received the Great College to Work For Award from the Chronicle of Higher Education. The award speaks to the quality of HCC's employees and their value, but we must provide salary increases to retain them. We do not provide step or cost of living salary increases. All merit increases are based on performance.

When you look at the average salary increases among Maryland's 16 community colleges from fiscal year 2016 through 2018, HCC ranked only seventh. The college will not be able to attract or retain employees with raises that are not competitive. That is why the college is proposing a 4.1 percent, merit-based salary increase for budgeted employees.

HCC's budget also calls for four percent increase in pay for level one and two adjunct faculty, and a three percent increase for highest-level adjunct faculty. This request would mark the seventh adjunct faculty salary increase in a row, but it still does not close the gap between HCC's adjunct salary pay and the adjunct pay at Prince George's Community College, our partner institution at Laurel College Center.

To support high enrollment for in-demand programs, the college would hire 3.80 new faculty and staff members. Adding two full-time faculty helps the college maintain excellence in the classroom, plus improve the college's full-time/part-time faculty ratio. As of right now, the rate is 42 percent full time and 58 part time – well below the state recommended ratio of 50/50.

Over the past year, the college has partnered with the Howard County Public School System to expand the JumpStart program, resulting in over 1,200 high school students taking dual enrollment courses at a 50 percent discount. In the proposed operating budget, HCC has also requested funding that will assist with the impact from these reduced tuition costs.

The college is always mindful of the cost of college, but must also consider the funding necessary to meet the instructional and service demands from students. For that reason, this budget proposes a tuition increase of \$2 per credit hour for students who live in Howard County. Students continue to pay the greatest percentage of the college's operating costs through tuition and fees. In FY18, students paid 41 percent; the county provided 36 percent, and the state provided 19 percent.

Howard Community College requests operating budget support because HCC cannot slow its efforts to help students, whether it is students who strive to pull their families out of poverty, the honors students who need an affordable education, or the adult learners who want to get ahead in their careers. Howard Community College is committed to living its mission of providing pathways to success.

I urge you to support the County Executive's proposed budget. An investment in Howard Community College is an investment in the current and future workforce of Howard County.

Thank you for your time tonight, and I look forward to your support.



HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL
AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORIZATION
TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION

I, KATHLEEN HETHERINGTON, have been duly authorized by
(name of individual)

Howard Community College Board of Trustees to deliver testimony to the
(name of nonprofit organization or government board, commission, or task force)

County Council regarding Capital & Operating Budget for HCC to express the organization's
(bill or resolution number)

support for / opposition to / request to amend this legislation.

(Please circle one.)

Printed Name: KATHLEEN HETHERINGTON

Signature: Kathleen Hetherington

Date: 4/24/19

Organization: Howard Community College

Organization Address: 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044

Number of Members: 7

Name of Chair/President: Kevin Doyle, Chair

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Testimony from Kevin Doyle

*Chair, Howard Community College Board of Trustees
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Good evening, Chairperson Mercer Rigby, Vice Chairperson Jones and councilmembers. I am Kevin Doyle, an Ellicott City resident and chair of Howard Community College's board of trustees. Thank you for this opportunity to speak tonight.

The Howard County Council's past support of the college's capital budget is greatly appreciated. The college opened a LEED Gold-certified Science, Engineering, and Technology Building in 2017 and will hold a ribbon cutting for the renovated Howard Hall and the Academic Commons this summer.

The board recognizes the council has competing capital budget priorities for fiscal year 2020 budget, but please understand that serving nearly 30,000 students annually strains HCC's infrastructure. For that reason, the board asks for your support for the following capital budget recommendations made by the County Executive:

- **\$1.4 million for the start of planning and design for a new Mathematics and Athletics Complex.** The Hickory Ridge Building,

which houses the mathematics division, was built as an office building in 1982 and does not adequately support our academic and programmatic needs. Although the college has been diligent in maintaining the Athletic Center, the cost of renovation now exceeds the cost of a new facility. A new combined Mathematics and Athletics Complex will serve as a central hub for student learning and engagement, while helping meet local and state workforce demands.

- **\$2 million for systemic renovations** that will go toward much-needed upgrades to critical infrastructure, deferred maintenance, and facilities improvements.

Investing in HCC's operations and facilities pays dividends for the county government, taxpayers, and students.

- For every \$1 allocated to HCC, the county government will see a 4.6 percent return on investment.
- Students earning a degree at HCC will increase their annual earnings by more than \$425,000 over the course of their working life.

These increases lead to a vibrant workforce and a stronger Howard County economy. Your investment in HCC will ensure that HCC continues to provide affordable and accessible higher education to Howard County families.

Thank you, and I look forward to your support for fiscal year 2020.



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Testimony of Brenda Rosas

*Student, Howard Community College
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Good evening, my name is Brenda Rosas. I am a Columbia resident and student at Howard Community College.

As I was preparing to graduate from Wilde Lake High School, I didn't know my next steps and didn't have many resources for college. My parents, who were not born in the United States, never attended high school or college, so they could not guide me on my college search.

My counselor recommended Howard Community College and its Silas Craft Collegians program. He knew it would provide the help that I needed. The Silas Craft program is for students just like me, students who need additional support to succeed in college. Through the program, I have made close friends, found tutoring support, received academic guidance, and so much more. It's truly is the best decision I have made.

When I started college, my father had many questions and needed to know that I would be in a supportive environment. Staff from the college's Ambiciones program, designed specifically for Hispanic/Latino students, sat down with my father and answered all his questions, providing the information he needed to know. Staff also were there when I had a bad day and struggled with college.

Outside of the classroom, I have been a member of the Howard Community College Dragons cross country and track team. Over the past three years. Athletics has helped get me out of my comfort zone

by taking me to competitions outside of Maryland, a state I had not left since moving here. My parents were nervous, but my coaches cared and taught me to be on my own!

I am proud that I will be graduating with my associate degree in May and become the first college graduate in my family. Next, I plan to transfer to a four-year university and earn my bachelor's degree.

Please continue to support Howard Community College and its budget. With your funding, you will help more students like me pursue the American Dream of a college education.

Thank you so much.

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