

NY State Education Law - Article 125 section 6206. Powers and duties.

1. The board of trustees shall have the duties and powers of trustees of colleges as set forth in this chapter, unless otherwise specifically provided in this chapter.
2. On or before February first, nineteen hundred eighty or six months after their assuming their functions, whichever occurs later, the board of trustees shall transmit to the governor, to the mayor, to the temporary president of the senate and to the speaker of the assembly a status report concerning the functioning, the goals and the needs of the city university. Included in the status report shall be such recommendations as the board of trustees sees fit to make in regard to the following topics.
  - a. Description of curricula and plans for maintenance of and adjustments to curricula;
  - b. Description of the conditions, appropriateness and adequacy of facilities and plans to remedy deficiencies;
  - c. Description of policies with respect to student admissions; and
  - d. Desired and potential student enrollments, including the justification of the projections.
3. a. The board of trustees shall, once every four years, formulate a long-range city university plan or general revision thereof and make recommendations to the board of regents, for the organization, development and coordination of the city university. The plan and recommendations shall include but not be limited to the following:
  - (1) Plans for new curricula,
  - (2) Plans for new facilities,
  - (3) Plans for change in policies with respect to student admissions,
  - (4) Potential student enrollments,
  - (5) Comments upon its relationship to other colleges and universities, public and private, within the state, and
  - (6) For informational purposes only, projection standards and overall expenditure projections of capital and operating costs.The plan shall be in such form as to provide a basis for the development of the regents statewide plan for higher education as defined in section two hundred thirty-seven of this chapter. Prior to transmitting their long-range plan or general revisions thereof to the board of regents, to the temporary president of the senate, and to the speaker of the assembly, the board of trustees shall, after giving due notice, conduct one or more hearings on such plan.
- b. During the calendar year nineteen hundred eighty and each fourth year thereafter the board of trustees shall transmit their proposed plan

or general revisions thereof to the board of regents, on or before the first day of June in each such year. Such plan shall be reviewed by the board of regents and shall be subject to approval by such board. As approved by the board of regents and incorporated into the regents plan or general revision thereof for the development of higher education in the state and, upon approval thereafter by the governor, such plan shall guide and determine the development, organization and coordination of the city university.

c. By the first day of June in nineteen hundred eighty-two and each fourth year thereafter, the board of trustees shall report in writing to the board of regents, a copy of which report shall be furnished to the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, the mayor and the president of the city council for information and comment, on the progress made in carrying out its responsibilities under such plan and its general recommendations with respect to the city university or its component colleges or other institutions in the city of New York including recommendations as to modifications of such plan which the board of trustees deems essential to meet the then current demands upon public higher education in the city of New York. The board of trustees may also at any other time propose modifications which it deems essential or desirable with respect to such plan. The board of trustees may, after giving due notice, conduct one or more hearings on such modifications and shall transmit its recommendations therefor to the board of regents, to the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the mayor and the president of the city council for information and comment. Such modifications shall be subject to approval by the regents and thereafter by the governor in the same manner as such plan or general revisions thereof.

4. When a proposed plan or general revision thereof contains a proposal providing for the termination or merger of a senior college or community college so that such college ceases to exist as a separate educational institution that provision of a proposed plan or general revision shall also be subject to the approval of the legislature.

5. The board of trustees shall select and acquire or cause to be acquired all new sites hereafter to be designated for the purposes of the city university and procure and pass upon all plans for buildings on newly acquired sites, shall supervise their erection, shall organize their faculties, shall approve and administer their courses leading to academic, professional and technical certificates, diplomas and degrees, shall appoint their officers of administration and instruction, shall prepare all their budgets and shall generally control and administer all

public education in the colleges and institutions of which the city university is composed in such city, except the teacher training courses which are now conducted by the board of education of such city. The board of trustees shall appoint the chancellor of the city university who shall be the chief educational and administrative officer of the city university and who shall serve at the pleasure of the board of trustees.

6. The board of trustees shall control and keep up the buildings and grounds occupied and used by institutions and units controlled by it; allow and regulate the use, gratuitously or otherwise, of such property for other than college or university purposes and prescribe the fees, if any, that persons, associations or corporations allowed to use it may charge; purchase materials, services, equipment and supplies. But the board of trustees shall not sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of land and buildings purchased by city funds used for the community colleges of the city university. It may, however, accept and administer for college or university purposes, gifts of land, bequests, trusts, devises, money and buildings from private sources and erect buildings on college or university land out of money not furnished by the city or the state; and gifts of money, endowments, fees, interest and other income not derived from public taxation or the public credit shall be administered by it for collegiate or university purposes in connection with the units under its control.

7. (a) The board of trustees shall establish positions, departments, divisions and faculties; appoint and in accordance with the provisions of law fix salaries of instructional and non-instructional employees therein; establish and conduct courses and curricula; prescribe conditions of student admission, attendance and discharge; and shall have the power to determine in its discretion whether tuition shall be charged and to regulate tuition charges, and other instructional and non-instructional fees and other fees and charges at the educational units of the city university. The trustees shall review any proposed community college tuition increase and the justification for such increase. The justification provided by the community college for such increase shall include a detailed analysis of ongoing operating costs, capital, debt service expenditures, and all revenues. The trustees shall not impose a differential tuition charge based upon need or income. All students enrolled in programs leading to like degrees at the senior colleges shall be charged a uniform rate of tuition, except for differential tuition rates based on state residency. The trustees shall further provide that the payment of tuition and fees by any student who

is not a resident of New York state, other than a non-immigrant alien within the meaning of paragraph (15) of subsection (a) of section 1101 of title 8 of the United States Code, shall be paid at a rate or charge no greater than that imposed for students who are residents of the state if such student:

(i) attended an approved New York high school for two or more years, graduated from an approved New York high school and applied for attendance at an institution or educational unit of the city university within five years of receiving a New York state high school diploma; or  
(ii) attended an approved New York state program for general equivalency diploma exam preparation, received a general equivalency diploma issued within New York state and applied for attendance at an institution or educational unit of the city university within five years of receiving a general equivalency diploma issued within New York state;  
or

(iii) was enrolled in an institution or educational unit of the city university in the fall semester or quarter of the two thousand one--two thousand two academic year and was authorized by such institution or educational unit to pay tuition at the rate or charge imposed for students who are residents of the state.

A student without lawful immigration status shall also be required to file an affidavit with such institution or educational unit stating that the student has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status, or will file such an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so. The trustees shall not adopt changes in tuition charges prior to the enactment of the annual budget. The board of trustees may accept as partial reimbursement for the education of veterans of the armed forces of the United States who are otherwise qualified such sums as may be authorized by federal legislation to be paid for such education. The board of trustees may conduct on a fee basis extension courses and courses for adult education appropriate to the field of higher education. In all courses and courses of study it may, in its discretion, require students to pay library, laboratory, locker, breakage and other instructional and non-instructional fees and meet the cost of books and consumable supplies. In addition to the foregoing fees and charges, the board of trustees may impose and collect fees and charges for student government and other student activities and receive and expend them as agent or trustee.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general, special or local law, rule or regulation, the board of trustees may permit persons sixty years of age or over to audit courses given therein without

tuition, examination, grading or credit therefor upon a space available basis, as determined by the president of each such institution, provided that such audit attendance does not deny course attendance at the city university of New York by an individual who is otherwise qualified under this section.

\* (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other general, special or local law, rule or regulation, the board of trustees shall promulgate regulations to permit members of the New York city police department employed in the rank of police officer, who are enrolled in programs leading to baccalaureate or higher degrees at a senior college of the city university to attend one course without tuition, provided that such course is related to their employment as police officers and that such tuition-waived attendance does not deny course attendance at a senior college of the city university by an individual who is otherwise qualified under this section.

\* NB Repealed July 1, 2010

8. The board of trustees shall, on the recommendation of its faculty or faculties, grant the certificates, diplomas and degrees which were announced in the bulletins of the existing public institutions of higher learning published for the term beginning immediately prior to April sixteenth, nineteen hundred twenty-six, and also such other degrees and honors as the regents thereafter specifically authorized or may hereafter authorize it to grant.

9. When a center is first opened, the board of trustees shall submit an initial estimate of the sum needed for its support, maintenance and operation, based on an estimated original enrollment of students, for the fiscal year or portion thereof immediately following. Such estimate shall be acted upon as hereinbefore prescribed for current annual budgets; and in the event that an initial appropriation be for a part of the fiscal year only, then in making calculation for the succeeding annual appropriation, the initial appropriation shall be taken as the appropriate fractional base.

10. Money appropriated by the city to the board of trustees for college or university purposes, shall be placed in the custody of the comptroller of the city to the credit of such board of trustees and all disbursements from such funds shall be made by the comptroller acting for and in behalf of such board of trustees upon requisitions duly audited and signed by the board of trustees or by a person or persons appointed by such board of trustees, by resolution filed with the comptroller, to act for it. The comptroller shall audit such account of the board of trustees in the same manner as he audits the account of the

board of education of the city of New York. Any balance of any annual appropriation made by the city to the board of trustees, which may be unallocated for college or university purposes by the board of trustees ninety days after the expiration of the calendar year for which the appropriation was made, shall revert to the city treasury and be credited to such uses as the city may direct.

11. The board of trustees may, in its discretion, compensate members of the instructional staff and non-instructional staff for loss of personal property. With respect to members of the instructional staff and other employees who are not covered by the workers' compensation law, the board of trustees may provide in its discretion for payment of reasonable medical and hospital expenses arising from injuries incurred in actual performance of duty on or after July first, nineteen hundred sixty-five.

12. The board of trustees, under such by-laws as it deems appropriate, shall provide for the eligibility for sabbatical leaves of absence to members of its permanent instructional staff provided, however, that when such leaves are for one half year, they shall be at full pay, and when such leaves are for one year, they shall be at half pay.

13. The board of trustees shall provide standards for the granting of advanced standing to veterans applying for college admissions at schools in the city university who have successfully completed United States Armed Forces Institute or other comparable course work.

14. Notwithstanding the provisions of section forty-four, fifty or fifty-one of the state finance law or any other provision of law to the contrary, the city university trustees are authorized and empowered to increase or decrease appropriations by transfer or interchange as follows:

a. Amounts appropriated for the programs or purposes or for any item or items within such programs or purposes of any individual senior college of the city university and city university central administration within the schedules of such senior colleges or central administration from a particular fund or funds in a fiscal year may be interchanged between such programs or purposes of such senior college or central administration of city university, or between items within the same program or purpose, or with other items appropriated from such fund not in the same program or purpose, but which are contained in the state comptroller's classification of items as last promulgated pursuant to a certificate of allocation. Such certificate shall be submitted by such senior college or central administration to the board of trustees of the city university. Such certificate shall be submitted by the board of

trustees to the state comptroller with copies to be sent to the chairs of the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means committee and the director of the budget for informational purposes only. The total amount appropriated for any program or purpose may be decreased by not more than the aggregate of five percent of such appropriation for a program or purpose with the approval of the senior college or central administration or such amounts may be decreased by more than the aggregate of five percent of such appropriation with the approval of the city university trustees.

b. Amounts appropriated to senior colleges of the city university from a particular fund or funds in a fiscal year for the programs or purposes of such senior colleges of the city university may be transferred between and among such senior colleges pursuant to a certificate of allocation, submitted directly by the city university to the state comptroller, with copies of such certificates to be sent to the chairmen of the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means committee and the director of the budget for informational purposes only. The total amount appropriated for any senior college may not be decreased by more than the aggregate of three percent of an appropriation for a senior college.

c. Amounts appropriated for programs or purposes, or for any item within such programs or purposes, within the university-wide program schedule of city university from a particular fund or funds in a fiscal year shall not be decreased by means of transfer or interchange by more than the aggregate of four percent of an appropriation for a program or purpose within such schedule.

d. Amounts appropriated for the central administration of the city university within the central administration schedule from a particular fund or funds in a fiscal year for programs or purposes including, but not limited to, administration of senior colleges and university-wide programs of the city university shall not be increased by means of transfer or interchange by more than five percent of the aggregate appropriation within such schedule.

e. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision, whenever the director of the budget, pursuant to section forty-nine of the state finance law, shall establish an aggregate amount less than that contained in the local assistance appropriations act, the trustees may transfer or interchange any or all of such lesser amount among any of the programs or purposes or items without regard to the restrictions provided in this subdivision.

f. The allocation of lump sum appropriations from a fund or funds made

to the city university for later distribution to senior colleges and/or the central administration of the city university or the allocation of lump sum appropriations made to all state departments and agencies for later allocation for specific programs or purposes or senior colleges and/or central administration of the city university shall not be deemed to be part of any total increase or decrease authorized by this section.

15. a. The board of trustees shall adopt rules requiring that each institution of the city university, on or before January first, two thousand, adopt and implement a plan providing for the investigation of any violent felony offense occurring at or on the grounds of each such institution, and providing for the investigation of a report of any missing student. Such plans shall provide for the coordination of the investigation of such crimes and reports with local law enforcement agencies. Such plans shall include, but not be limited to, written agreements with appropriate local law enforcement agencies providing for the prompt investigation of such crimes and reports.

b. As used in this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "Local law enforcement agencies" means any agency or agencies employing peace officers or police officers for the enforcement of the laws of the state, and which has or have jurisdiction under provisions of the criminal procedure law over offenses occurring at or on the grounds of any institution subject to the provisions of this subdivision.

(ii) "Missing student" means any student of an institution subject to the provisions of this subdivision, who resides in a facility owned or operated by such institution and who is reported to such institution as missing from his or her residence.

(iii) "Violent felony offense" means a violent felony offense as defined in subdivision one of section 70.02 of the penal law.

16. The board of trustees shall appoint for the city university campus officers who shall have the powers of peace officers as set forth in the criminal procedure law within the geographical area of the city of New York. A campus officer designated as a peace officer must have satisfactorily completed or complete, within one year of the date of such designation, a course of law enforcement training prescribed by the municipal police training council in consultation with the city university board of trustees.