

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee Jaime Alicea, Chair**

Trustees: Jaime Alicea; Vicki Brackens (virtual); Dr. Donna DeSiato; William Gilberti; Paul Mello; Alicia Oberlender (virtual); John Sindoni (virtual); Mark Tryniski

Staff: Dr. Agatha Awuah; Dr. Malkiel Choseed; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Dr. Warren Hilton; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Louis Noce; Jeff Peckins; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Olin Stratton; Erin Vaccaro; Dr. Larry Weiskirch

Call to Order

At 8:44 a.m., Trustee Alicea called the Education Committee meeting to order.

Faculty Senate

Trustee Alicea introduced Faculty Senate President Olin Stratton for his report. Professor Stratton began by stating that Faculty Senate has revised 29 courses and 4 programs this past year, and a number of other changes are still taking place. Senate completed a self-assessment this semester, and they are working on ways to increase participation on committees. Senate discovered an issue with syllabi where course outlines and learning outcomes need to translate to the syllabi. Curriculum Committee is working on a template for faculty to use, and there will be an audit in spring of all courses to be sure the syllabi are accurate. The faculty AI ad hoc committee is now a standing committee and one of the first things they reviewed was plagiarism. The software faculty had been using is no longer available on the new LMS system. After discussion and review, faculty realized that the software available currently is not accurate as it generates a number of false positives. Faculty are not allowed to use it now, and not everyone is happy with it. The software is only correct around 30% of the time, and we shouldn't use it to determine if students are plagiarizing.

New Business

Academic Program Retention and Completion

Trustee Alicea introduced Dr. Agatha Awuah, Interim Provost, who in turn, introduced Dean David Furney to discuss the resolution on Patient Care Technician, and the need for the same based on requests from local hospitals. Dr. Awuah continued her report on academic program retention and completion. She reviewed current enrollment trends, comparing 2024 to 2025. She then reviewed trends by program noting increases and decreases by degree, again comparing 2024 to 2025. She then reviewed 3-year graduation rates by demographics, with an overall graduation rate of 27%. Dr. Awuah then shared 1-year retention rates by program, and the 3-year graduation rates for the same.

***Resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new program: Patient Care Technician**

On motion by Trustee Mello, and seconded by Dr. DeSiato, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new program: Patient Care Technician, was unanimously recommended.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Prepared by:
Julie Hart
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:
Jaime Alicea
Chair, Education Committee