

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee Jaime Alicea, Chair**

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

Staff: Stephanie Aldrich; Dr. Agatha Awuah; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Dr. Warren Hilton; Linda Kelley; Kelly Larrivey; Roger Mirabito; Louis Noce; Wendy Ornoski; Justin Pritchard; Amy Proulx; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Olin Stratton; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Monifa Wilcox

Call to Order

At 8:49 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 reviewed Emeritus Faculty nominations that will be presented to the Trustees at the meeting in June. The faculty are having important conversations on NCSARA and Middle States regarding online learning. A new faculty committee will be formed to review these items and it will be representative of all stakeholders on campus.

New Business

Academic Reorganization

Trustee Alicea introduced Dr. Agatha Awuah, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President, to provide an overview of the suggested academic reorganization. Dr. Awuah provided a historical perspective on the proposal and the details of the request. She explained that faculty would like to split Mathematics and Natural Sciences into individual departments and do the same for Humanities and Social Sciences. Student credit hours from within those areas were reviewed, and even with splitting the departments into four, their size would still remain larger than the next biggest department. The changes to the departments better reflect enrollment contributions and create a more manageable workload for the faculty chairs. Dr. Warren Hilton, President, mentioned that this will become effective after the 6 months waiting period has lapsed as per the faculty contract.

Academic & Student Affairs Master Plan

Dr. Awuah continued her report with an update on the Academic and Student Affairs Master Plan. Dr. Awuah provided an overview of the content of the plan, and the correlation between this plan and the College's Strategic Plan, including the alignment with the primary goals, strategic priorities, and key performance indicators.

On motion by Trustee Tryniski, and seconded by Dr. DeSiato, the Academic and Student Affairs Master Plan was unanimously approved.

Academic Momentum Update

Trustee Tryniski introduced Justin Pritchard, Dean of Instruction Services, to provide an update on the SUNY Academic Momentum initiative. Dean Pritchard reviewed the process to develop Onondaga's plan, and ways in which this was collaborative across campus. The Student Success Council meets bi-weekly on this and will develop a standing sub-committee that will meet regularly during the duration of this initiative. There were other initiatives the college had in place already that will help us meet these goals, including the Schools, work on developmental math and English, and our data informed practices – we can now weave these together to help us meet the goals in the AcMo plan. Student Success Council will develop a spreadsheet to track all the activities going on across campus, and all of the work continues to be aligned with our own strategic goals. More professional development will be developed to highlight this work, including acceptance in the SUNY Community of Practice on this initiative, and additional funds from SUNY will assist as we move this forward. For the summer, we will review additional support available across SUNY, professional development opportunities, and how to integrate this work in the fall. AcMo has allowed us to take the initiatives we are working on, review the data, and work together across campus to meet these goals.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Prepared by:
Julie Hart
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:
Jaime Alicea
Chair, Education Committee