

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams and in-person in Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni**

Trustees: Dr. Donna DeSiato; Melanie Littlejohn; Paul Mello; Tara Owens; Eleanor Petrucco; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

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Call to Order

At 8:36 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the Education Committee meeting to order.

Faculty Senate

Trustee Sindoni introduced Nina Tamrowski, Faculty Senate President, to provide an update. Professor Tamrowski began by mentioning that the Faculty Senate has heard reports from 4 of the 8 School Specialists in an effort to help integrate them into the College. The Faculty Senate has also been working on 2 new programs and 1 revised: Paramedic Technician, Direct Service Provider Certificate, and Automotive Technology AAS. The revisions to the Automotive program will allow more alignment with Title III. Scholastic Standards has approved micro-credentialing and it now moves onto the Faculty Senate and should be ready for implementation this fall. The first Norma Foody Endowed Professorship was awarded to Dr. David VanArsdale a sociology professor at OCC. SUNY is implementing a new learning management system, Desire to Learn, for fall 2022. We expect more information on this system soon. Additional hybrid course offerings will be available this fall at OCC and the Faculty Senate is hoping for additional remote offerings. The Senate recently held a special meeting for non-academic issues and heard from Campus Safety & Security as well as Residence Life. The Spring Faculty Plenary is schedule, and we are excited to offer an in-person option in Storer Auditorium.

Updates

Academic Programs

Trustee Sindoni introduced Anastasia Urtz, Provost and Senior Vice President, to provide an update on academic programs. She began with an overview of where new programs are in process. The Cybersecurity AS and Veterinary Technology AAS degrees are before Curriculum Committee and we anticipate approval by May 17, 2021. The Direct Support Professional Certificate, Pre-Medical Technology AS, and Automotive Technology Certificate and revised

AAS program have all been submitted to SUNY and NYSED and are awaiting approval. The Healthcare Administration AS degree is still in the SUNY 30-day comment period.

*Resolution to waive 30-credit limit for Automotive Technology Certificate

On motion by Trustee Mello and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution to waive the 30-credit limit for the Automotive Technology Certificate was unanimously recommended.

Curriculum Revitalization Process – Update and Discussion

Ms. Urtz continued her report with an update on the curriculum revitalization process. She began by explaining that this process was completed for those programs experiencing low enrollment, industry change or disruption, curricular issues and/or student success concerns. The intended outcomes of the process are for the programs to be redesigned or replaced with content that is responsive to local conditions; for programs that cannot be revitalized, discontinuance is recommended following the student teach-out process. The first recommendation to the Board of Trustees is for the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling AAS degree to be deactivated and discontinued and the courses to be incorporated into the Human Services AS degree. The second recommendation is for the American Sign Language AS program to be revised. The faculty are currently working to build a micro-credential and concurrent enrollment pipeline in this program. The next proposal is to discontinue the Architecture AAS degree as there is curricular misalignment with the job market. This proposal will require additional conversations and work and includes the potential development of a Construction Management AS degree. More information will be forthcoming on this program revitalization. The next program is Computer Forensics AS which the faculty are also recommending for deactivation and discontinuance upon registration of the Cybersecurity AS degree. Environmental Technology AAS also has the faculty's recommendation for deactivation and discontinuance with the proposed new transfer pathway in Environmental Studies. Health Information Technology is the next program and it is being recommended for a program revision with a potential redesign for hybrid or fully online delivery. Interior Design AAS is also being recommended for discontinuance due to curricular misalignment with the job market; further processing of this will be required before a determination is made and more information will be forthcoming. The Law Enforcement Certificate has been recommended for deactivation and discontinuance by the faculty. This will be replaced by the proposed career pathway into the Law Enforcement and Corrections degree. The final two programs, Nuclear Technology AAS and Photography AS have both been recommended by the faculty for discontinuance and deactivation. The students in the Nuclear Technology program will be transitioned into Electrical Technology while the Photography courses will be incorporated into the Art AAS program.

*Resolution to deactivate and discontinue academic programs following the 2020-21 academic program revitalization

On motion by Trustee Mello and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution to deactivate and discontinue academic programs following the 2020-21 academic program revitalization was unanimously recommended.

Academic Department Reorganization

Ms. Urtz continued her report with an update on the academic department reorganization. The first reorganization will be in the Applied Engineering Technology Department which will house the addition of Architectural Technology AAS; Apprentice Training: Building Trades AAS; Geospatial Science Technology AAS; and Interior Design AAS. The second reorganization will

be in the Chemistry and Physical Sciences program, specifically the Geology discipline, where we will develop subdisciplines to clarify faculty credentials to teach various courses. The next reorganization is in Art, Music and Broadcast Media Communication Departments. These will be combined to form the Department of Art, Design, Media and Music (ADMM). The final reorganization is in Education, Human Services, Criminal Justice, and Physical Education Departments. These will be combined to form the Department of Education and Community Services. There is also discussion surrounding associate department members in Math and English being integrated into other departments to ensure the success of students taking courses in those areas.

*Resolution to approve department reorganizations and name changes effective fall 2021
On motion by Trustee Mello and seconded by Dr. DeSiato, the resolution to approve department reorganizations and name changes effective fall 2021 was unanimously recommended.

New Business

Feasibility Studies

Ms. Urtz continued her report with an update on potential new programs at OCC. She began by discussing Broadcast Communication which will provide a transfer path degree in broadcasting, mass communication and digital journalism. The second new program is that of Cannabis Management, where the Governor's office projects a potential for 30,000-60,000 jobs in this industry. English as a Second Language non-credit program and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Certificate are being recommended and are modeled after Westchester Community College's English Language Institute. Environmental Studies would be a new program that creates a transfer path degree with an environmental policy focus. The final new program is that of Law Enforcement and Corrections which would be a career pathway collaboration with local law enforcement agencies.

*Resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new academic program: Broadcast Communication
On motion by Dr. DeSiato and seconded by Trustee Mello, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study: Broadcast Communication, was unanimously recommended.

*Resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new academic program: Cannabis Management
On motion by Dr. DeSiato and seconded by Trustee Mello, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study: Cannabis Management, was unanimously recommended.

*Resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new academic program: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Certificate
On motion by Dr. DeSiato and seconded by Trustee Mello, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Certificate, was unanimously recommended.

*Resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new academic program: Environmental Studies
On motion by Dr. DeSiato and seconded by Trustee Mello, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study: Environmental Studies, was unanimously recommended.

*Resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new academic program: Law Enforcement and Corrections AAS

On motion by Dr. DeSiato and seconded by Trustee Mello, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study: Law Enforcement and Corrections AAS, was unanimously recommended.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Prepared by:

Submitted by:

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

John Sindoni
Chair, Board of Trustees