

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees  
Education Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Via Microsoft Teams or in-person in Whitney 210  
Presiding: Trustee Jaime Alicea**

**Trustees:** Jaimie Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Melanie Littlejohn; Tara Owens; Eleanor Petrucco; John Sindoni; Neil Strodel; Mark Tryniski

**Staff:** Dr. Agatha Awuah; Stephanie Aldrich; Jacqueline Barstow; Michael Borsz; Nancy Carr; Frank Cetera; Lara Chappell; Dr. Casey Crabill; Kathleen D'Aprix; Anne DeLand; Karen Fabrizio; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Kelly Kaminski; Linda Kelley; Amy Kremenek; Kelly Larrivey; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Carol Obernesser; Michael O'Connor; Meghan Peryea; Calvin Prothro; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Timothy Stedman; Naomi Stewart; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Susan Tormey; Anastasia Urtz; Denise Valdes

**Guest:** Mark Folsom

**Call to Order**

At 8:29 a.m., Trustee Alicea called the Education Committee meeting to order.

**Faculty Senate**

Trustee Alicea introduced Nina Tamrowski, Faculty Senate President, to provide an update. Professor Tamrowski explained that the Faculty Senate recently passed a second draft of an Equity Statement and are working on revisions to a process by which courses are moved between departments. LOAC has been charged with creating a program revitalization template which should help with this process. Teaching modality challenges continue and a redesign of the Teaching Center is taking place to include more professional development and technology training. The Senate has developed an ad hoc committee on programs and scheduling and work continues on first year learning outcomes for our students. Advising is underway in both the schools and with faculty for the spring semester.

**New Business**

**\*Resolution Authorizing Implementation of SUNY Uniform Sanctioning in Response to COVID-19 Student Violations Policy**

Trustee Alicea introduced Dr. Scott Schuhert, Dean of Students, to review SUNY uniform sanctioning. Dr. Schuhert reviewed the SUNY emergency directive from Chancellor Malatras which he explained does not supersede our current code of conduct. It does require minimum sanctions for violations of COVID-19 related mandates. Dr. Schuhert reviewed the sanctions and notifications to the students of the same. He also explained the impacts of COVID-19 on overall student conduct and explained the residential Thanksgiving move-out process and post-winter break arrivals.

**On motion by Trustee Sindoni and seconded by Dr. DeSiato, the resolution authorizing implementation of SUNY uniform sanctioning in response to COVID-19 student violations policy was unanimously approved.**

### Program Revitalization

Trustee Alicea introduced Anastasia Urtz, Interim Provost, to provide an update on program revitalization at the College. Ms. Urtz explained that curriculum revitalization is for programs experiencing low enrollment, industry change or disruption, curricular issues, and student success concerns. The intended outcomes are that programs are redesigned or replaced with content that is responsive to local conditions or programs that cannot be revitalized are discontinued following the student teach-out process. Ms. Urtz then provided the timeline for the process as it is contractual and the Trustees' role in the same. She then identified the programs being reviewed which include: Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling AAS; American Sign Language AS; Architecture AAS; Computer Forensics AS; Environmental Technology AAS; health Information Technology AAS; Interior Design AAS; Law Enforcement Certificate; Nuclear Technology AAS; and Photography AS.

### \*Resolution to Endorse a Feasibility Study for a New Academic Program: Laboratory Technician

Ms. Urtz provided an overview of the new program being suggested for a feasibility study: Laboratory Technician. She explained that this was a discussion initiated by SUNY Upstate Medical University. It is an entry point for well-paid local employment in laboratory settings and there is a potential transfer path to SUNY Upstate's Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology or Medical Biotechnology. It also provides an opportunity for employees to play a professional role in major scientific breakthroughs.

**On motion by Trustee Sindoni and seconded by Dr. DeSiato, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new academic program: Laboratory Technician, was unanimously approved.**

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:

Jaime Alicea  
Chair, Education Committee