

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
W210
Presiding: Trustee Jaime Alicea, Chair**

Trustees: Jamie Alicea; Tara Owens; Dawn Penson; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Jenna Alexander; Anne Marie Bernardoni; Kimberly Blanchet; Dr. David Bzdak; Dr. Rodrigo Carraminana; Dr. Malkiel Choseed; Russ Corbin; Dr. Casey Crabill; Anne DeLand; Erin Fassinger; Sarah Gaffney; Dr. Christina Granato; Julie Hart; Linda Kelley; Dr. Patrick Kenny; Amy Kremenek; Maria Malagisi; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Ryan Nellenbeck; Michael O'Connor; JT Ryan; Bridget Scholl; Timothy Stedman; Nina Tamrowski; Wendy Tarby; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Anastasia Urtz; Chuck Wilbur

Students: Danielle Brewer; Kimberly Burke; Shannon Farden; Sue Moran; Julie Nigro; Diana Pugh; Patrice Samuels; Jill Ward

Call to Order

At 8:30 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 began with an overview of Senate activities. She explained that they are working through the new curriculum development process and have approved the Sound Recording, Health Sciences, EMT, and Aerial Spatial Technology degrees. This process kept the faculty very engaged and they are now updating the forms to integrate with Title III initiatives and principals. In addition to curriculum and scholastic standards, faculty have been the sounding board for Box of Books and block scheduling, providing input where needed. Professor Tamrowski said she has been collaborating with Interim Provost Urtz on faculty forums including one on scheduling, particularly for adult students and evening programs. There will be a second faculty conversations on facilities. She explained that faculty were also involved with the recent American Associate of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) site visit, have participated in the search committees for the school specialists, and are working on an ad hoc committee for the First Year seminar.

New Business

Trustee Alicea introduced Professor Diana Lewis-Brewster who introduced her students from NUR 297 to provide an overview of their service-learning experience from summer 2019.

Updates

Trustee Alicea introduced Anastasia Urtz, Interim Provost, to begin the Title III presentation. Ms. Urtz provided an update on the status of new degrees and certificates. She explained that Nursing A.A.S., Paramedic A.A.S. and Certificate, Health Studies Certificate, and Electromechanical: Drone Technology A.A.S. have been submitted to SUNY. Sound Recording A.S., Health Sciences A.S., and Geospatial Technology A.A.S. are with SUNY pending the 30-

day comment period. Faculty curriculum work continues in a number of those areas as well. Ms. Urtz continued her report with an update on the 14+1 academic schedule which arose from the faculty commitment to build pathways to completion. She explained that the new schedule would provide greater consistency in fall semester end dates; align and observe course blocks across the curriculum; increase predictability of the final exam schedule; expand blocks available to support various student attendance patterns; and support implementation of the Schools by providing midday meeting opportunities and community-building time. Ms. Urtz explained that the pain points for the new schedule are that a shorter semester requires some restructuring by faculty of individual courses to fit into longer course meeting times; the 10-minute pass time requires increased attention to course sequencing, room assignments and needs for students with disabilities; and changes to individual department workflows, classroom utilization, and faculty assignments. Ms. Urtz then introduced Wendy Tarby, Associate Vice President, Institutional Planning & Research, to provide an update on Title III. Ms. Tarby explained that the second year of Guided Pathways to Success (GPS) is underway. This program includes fully mapped programs, structured pathway supports, and experimental design. Ms. Tarby then introduced Dr. Christopher Thuot, Professor, Political Science, to provide an update on the curriculum pathways. He explained that they are currently examining curricula for clarity, cohesion, and navigability in hopes that it will create additional opportunities for retention and completion, employment, and successful transfer. He reviewed in detail the current catalog selections along with the SUNY general education Social Sciences electives – all of which are overwhelming. He then provided the new pathway template which shows a semester by semester roadmap for completion along with additional career and transfer outcomes. JT Ryan, Professor, Business, continued with an update on the Schools program. He explained the principals behind the schools and the benefits to the students along with their core functions and logistics. Russ Corbin, Assistant Director of Grants and Partnerships, continued with the new coaching methodology using Inside Track. He explained that they have learned that academics are not the only reason students drop out of school. Jenna Alexander, Interim Director of Advising, and Chuck Wilbur, Retention Specialist, reviewed the why, how and what of Inside Track and how it creates continuity and consistency for students. The three essentials of coaching include a sense of partnership between the coach and student, sense of movement for the students, and how the coach shows up for the student. Dr. Malkiel Chosed and Professor Michael O’Connor, English/ILS/Communication Studies, discussed Growth Mindset and Coaching: meeting students where they are at. Poverty in Onondaga County provided the rational for doing things differently and how students view themselves impacts their learning. Both professors provided examples of scenarios with students and responses to the same. Ms. Tarby provided a glimpse into the future work surrounding Title III.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Submitted by:

Jaime Alicea
Chair, Education Committee