

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

**Trustees:** Jaime Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Catherine Hadden; John Sindoni; Neil Strodel; Mark Tryniski

**Staff:** Angela Adams; Jenna Alexander; John Burns; Dr. Casey Crabill; Kathy D’Aprix; Anne DeLand; Karen Fabrizio; Maureen Fellows; Justin Fiene; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Linda Kelley; Amy Kremenek; Chris Kukenberger; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Pam Mullan; Ryan Nellenback; Michael O’Connor; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Anne Marie Smith; Timothy Stedman; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Fantasia Thorne-Ortiz; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Dean Tzivanis; Anastasia Urtz; Leanne Waterman; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Steffani Williams

**Guests:** Alicia Baldwin; Mark Frisina; Carleigh Roginski

**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 by reviewing the current ad hoc committees developed by the Faculty Senate to assist with the appeal of the review of Architecture and Interior Design; supporting the Library review; redesigning the election system in the Senate; and assisting with the spring academic showcase. The Senate recently endorsed the mask and vaccine mandates as these measures help to keep classrooms safe. Professor Tamrowski mentioned that the transition will begin soon of the learning management system, D2L, likely in fall of 2022. This system appears to be more functional than Blackboard and will be used across SUNY. There are some concerns with the SUNY gen ed framework implementation. Faculty are hoping for an extension so a more thorough conversation can take place. NC-SARA authorization is still ongoing. The Senate has a few items left to complete, including some updates to the academic rules, before this can be submitted. Professor Tamrowski was grateful to see strong faculty representation on the presidential search committee. Four faculty are members – 2 elected and 2 ex-officio. This will provide a strong faculty voice in the decisions that are made.

**New Business**

**Lazer Link Student Mentoring Initiative**

Trustee Alicea introduced Anastasia Urtz, Provost and Senior Vice President, who introduced Advisors Dean Tzivanis and John Burns to provide an update on the Lazer Link Student Mentoring initiative. Mr. Tzivanis began with an overview of the program and the value it provides to our students. Mr. Burns reviewed current program statistics and what has been learned so far. Mr. Tzivanis then explained the process of engaging recent alumni as mentors and introduced two mentors, Mark Frisina and Angela Adams as well as two students, Carleigh Roginski and Alicia Baldwin. Mr. Tzivanis then reviewed what’s next for the program, including

some large-scale events for further engagement, mentor recognition, an ambassador program, as well as embedding the mentoring into the Schools model.

## Updates

### New Programs Update

Ms. Urtz continued her report with an update on new programs. She introduced Assistant Provost Dr. Christopher Thuot who reviewed programs that have been launched as of fall 2020: Creative Writing AA; Electromechanical: Drone Technology AAS; Geospatial Science and Technology AAS; Health Sciences AS; Health Studies Certificate; and Sound Recording AS. Dr. Thuot also provided an update on new programs launching in 2021-22 which include: Automotive Technology Certificate; Certified Nursing Assistant Workforce Certificate; Cybersecurity AS; Direct Support Professional Certificate; Healthcare Administration AS (provisional approval); Home Health Aide Workforce Certificate (provisional approval); and Paramedic Certificate and AAS. Future programs planned for fall 2022 launch include: Construction Management AS; Police and Corrections Science AAS; Social Media and Digital Communication AS; and Supply Chain Management AAS. Dr. Thuot completed his report with a review of future programs that will need the Trustees' endorsement for feasibility studies. These include Automotive Technology Alternative Fuels and Design Studies AS.

### Resolution to Endorse a Feasibility Study for a New Academic Program: Automotive Technology Alternative Fuels

**On motion by Trustee Sindoni and seconded by Trustee Hadden, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new academic program: Automotive Technology Alternative Fuels, was unanimously recommended.**

### Resolution to Endorse a Feasibility Study for a New Academic Program: Design Studies AS

**On motion by Trustee Sindoni and seconded by Trustee Hadden, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new academic program: Design Studies AS, was unanimously recommended.**

### Curriculum Development: School of Health

Dr. Thuot introduced Karen Fabrizio, Dean, Health & Community Services, to provide an update on curriculum development in the School of Health. Ms. Fabrizio began with an overview of the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Home Health Aide (HHA) programs, the duties of the jobs, projected need, and salary and advancement opportunities. Ms. Fabrizio then introduced Leanne Waterman, Chair, Nursing, to provide an overview of the Health Care Administration AS degree. Ms. Waterman provided an overview of the degree and transfer opportunities, as well as an overview of all of the programs that now make up the School of Health.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Prepared by:  
Julie Hart  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:  
Jaime Alicea  
Chair, Education Committee