

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 29, 2020
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams or in-person in Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee Jaime Alicea**

Trustees: Jaimie Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Melanie Littlejohn; Paul Mello; Tara Owens; John Sindoni; Neil Strodel; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Dr. Agatha Awuah; Todd Baker; Dr. Casey Crabill; Kathleen D’Aprix; Anne DeLand; Karen Fabrizio; Dwight Fischer; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Linda Kelley; Amy Kremenek; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Michael O’Connor; Mary Plunkett; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Anne Smith; Timothy Stedman; Naomi Stewart; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Susan Tormey; Anastasia Urtz; Debbie Waters; Steffani Williams

Call to Order

At 8:36 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 reviewed what the Faculty Senate was able to complete for spring 2020, even while remote. This included a pass/unsatisfactory and never attended grades and finalizing modalities for summer and fall. She explained that Faculty adjusted to remote teaching in different ways: some didn’t have experience doing it and preparations were difficult; others did well with the change. Over the summer the College provided additional training for online teaching and created a fourth modality for fall called hyflex. This was challenging for faculty with students in and out of classroom depending on the day along with technology issues, which are being ironed out now. The Senate has a full plate this fall but they are also trying to slow down their pace so they can adequately measure the successfulness of issues at hand. Committee work that has been delegated out includes SARA applications; template on process for program revitalization; the microcredentialing process; additional teaching modalities; student assessment of modalities; Chosen Name Policy; Equity Statement; endorsed a vote of no confidence from Faculty Council of Community Colleges for the SUNY board appointing a new Chancellor with no search; future of the Teaching Center; and curriculum work under Title III.

New Business

Academic Affairs

Trustee Alicea introduced Anastasia Urtz, Interim Provost, to provide an update. Ms. Urtz began with an overview of 7 new programs at the College including Creative Writing AA; Electromechanical: Drone Technology AAS; Geospatial Science Technology AAS; Health Science AS; Health Studies Certificate; Nursing AAS (evening cohort); and Sound Recording AS. All have students enrolled for fall 2020. Three programs are still in various stages of the approval process including Paramedic Certificate, Paramedic AAS and Human Services AS (Weekend College). The Paramedic programs are slightly more complicated due to a partnership with SUNY Upstate, but should be approved soon. There are a number of additional programs in development through various stages of feasibility studies and committees on campus, as well as

programs looking at redesign. Ms. Urtz continued by saying that faculty have been working on other curriculum projects including Guided Pathways; curriculum revitalization; workforce education; fully online programs; and continuing professional development. A few new interdisciplinary projects include the new Center for Teaching and Learning Innovation; a Symposia on Race and Policing in America; a Center for Civic Engagement; and Pathways to Liberal Arts – Teagle Foundation grant. Ms. Urtz then introduced the new staff in Academic Affairs as well as new faculty at the College.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Prepared by:

Julie Hart
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:

Jaime Alicea
Chair, Education Committee