

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams and in-person in Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee Jaime Alicea**

Trustees: Jaime Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Paul Mello; John Sindoni; Neil Strodel; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Stephanie Aldrich; Robert Burgess; Kathy D'Aprix; Anne DeLand; Karen Fabrizio; Sarah Gaffney; Linda Kelley; Amy Kremenek; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Timothy Stedman; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Larry Weiskirch

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 stated that the Faculty Senate recently provided their recommendations on the Library reorganization and the Architecture Technology and Interior Design degree programs. The Senate asked that the Library be more aligned with the College and provide additional faculty support. The College paid attention to the recommendations for the Library and the faculty are satisfied with the reorganization. The changes recommended for the Architecture Technology and Interior Design programs is contrary to the proposal from the Faculty Senate. The Senate knew that curricular work would improve the current degree program but the College is instead asking for a new design degree which may be best for the current market. This is a successful aspect of the proposal that was pursued by the College. Faculty morale has been low and they would be encourage by additional social distancing in the classrooms. There is also some frustration with the late release of the final exam schedule during the fall semester, but there is a new plan to address this for spring. The College has been consolidating course offerings which also adds to the faculty frustration and can create hardships for students. Faculty work continues on academic rules and conversations around delivery modalities for certain programs. A fourth dean was hired recently without a search and there are concerns about math scheduling as well.

New Programs

Trustee Alicea introduced Anastasia Urtz, Provost and Senior Vice President, to provide an update on new programs at the College. She began with an overview of new programs implemented for spring 2022 and those that are still at various stages of review and/or approval. She then reviewed the new requests before the Trustees which include a Licensed Practical Nurse Workforce Certificate and Architectural Design AAS.

*Resolution to Authorize Development of a Licensed Practical Nursing Certificate

On motion by Trustee Sindoni and seconded by Trustee Mello, the resolution to authorize the development of a Licensed Practical Nursing Certificate was unanimously recommended.

*Resolution to Authorize Development of Architectural Design AAS

On motion by Trustee Sindoni and seconded by Trustee Strodel, the resolution to authorize the development of Architectural Design AAS was unanimously recommended.

Updates

Ms. Urtz continued her report with an update on program revitalization for Interior Design and Architectural Technology AAS degrees. She explained that the contractual review process has concluded with the Faculty Senate and the Federation recommending major revisions to both degrees. Documentation that was received confirmed the original assessment of curricular and labor market misalignment. There is now a request to deactivate both degree programs and replace them with Architectural Design AAS.

*Resolution to discontinue Interior Design AAS and Architectural Technology AAS

On motion by Trustee Mello and seconded by Trustee Strodel, the resolution to discontinue Interior Design AAS and Architectural Technology AAS was unanimously recommended.

Library Reorganization

Ms. Urtz continued her report with an update on the Library reorganization. She explained that this was a six-month review process involving Library faculty. The Faculty Senate identified a need to relieve pressure on the Library faculty. After review, the following modifications were made to the Library structure: two MLS-prepared English faculty will be transitioning to Library faculty; a ITS Help Desk staff member will become the new MLS Director of Library Operations; a new Dean of Instructional Services has been hired from within and will oversee the Library, the Center for Teaching and Learning Innovation, Classroom Technology, Learning Management System, and Classroom Support Personnel. Library faculty roles will include traditional collection development, research and reference instruction, and public engagement; liaison support for Schools and academic departments; LIB 110 (information literacy, research skills, academic integrity); support development of English Language Institute; instructional design and classroom technology; grants development (literature reviews); Civic Engagement Center; and a feasibility study on an industrial maker space.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 8:56 a.m.

Prepared by:
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Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:
Jaime Alicea
Chair, Education Committee