

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2022
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; Melanie Littlejohn; Paul Mello; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Laura Abbatiello; Dr. Casey Crabill; Kathy D’Aprix; Anne DeLand; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Dr. Glenda Gross; Julie Hart; Dr. Melissa Hicks; Linda Kelley; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Pam Mullan; Michael O’Connor; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Timothy Stedman; Colleen Stevens; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Larry Weiskirch

Call to Order

At 8:25 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 current Faculty Senate business. She explained that new committees have been formed including Budget and Planning which is of particular importance to the faculty. The Civic Engagement Steering Committee is also new and will help guide faculty work with community-based agencies as we look to rebuild service-learning opportunities for students. Two other ad hoc committees include one on Adult Learners and one on OCC @ Liverpool. Professor Tamrowski continued with an update on NC-SARA. She explained that the application for approval will be submitted in May and will provide us with an opportunity to market our online programs nationwide. Faculty work begins now with a comparison of face-to-face courses v. online. SUNY Gen Ed work continues and the new framework was just approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees. All of our Gen Ed courses will be reviewed by LOAC to be sure we are meeting all of the necessary learning outcomes. Training will begin soon for faculty on the new learning management system D2L which will be launched for fall of 2022.

Presentations

Trustee Alicea introduced Anastasia Urtz, Provost and Senior Vice President, to introduce the presentations being shared with the Trustees today.

Adult College Programs

Provost Urtz introduced Dr. Glenda Gross, Director, Adult College Programs, to provide an update on adult learners at OCC. Dr. Gross began with an overview of what the definition is of an adult learner, statistics on adult learners at OCC, barriers they face, and strategies we can employ to encourage their enrollment and completion.

D2L Transition

Provost Urtz introduced David Furney, Dean, Instructional Services, and Laura Abbatiello, Academic Technology Specialist, to provide an overview of the D2L transition. Mr. Furney and Ms. Abbatiello began with an overview of the acronyms associated with the transition, the history of Blackboard at the College, and what to expect from D2L Brightspace. They also discussed training opportunities for the campus including faculty, staff and students.

Faculty Professional Development

Provost Urtz introduced David Furney, Dean, Instructional Services, and Pamela Mullan, Professor, English/ILS/Communication Studies, to provide an overview of faculty professional development. Mr. Furney and Professor Mullan reviewed a recent survey they provided to faculty determine what they were interested in learning more about at the College. They also provided an overview of events from the fall semester and what can be expected for the remainder of spring 2022 and beyond.

Student Research Projects

Provost Urtz introduced Colleen Stevens, Director, CSTEP, and Dr. Melissa Hicks, Director, LSAMP, to provide an update on student research projects. Dr. Hicks began by reviewing the importance of these opportunities for students, the barriers they face completing them, and the alternatives that were developed for them to ensure they can be successful. Ms. Stevens commented that the partnerships with Syracuse University have been crucial and the recent BREW at SU was a tremendous opportunity for our students to participate without the semester-long obligations often seen in research projects. Work will continue to encourage not only participation from students, but other colleges as these opportunities are crucial to student success.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Prepared by:
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Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:
Jaime Alicea
Chair, Education Committee