

Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee Jaime Alicea

Trustees: Jaime Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Hannah Durand; Dr. Daryll Dykes; Melanie Littlejohn (virtual); Paul Mello; Tara Owens; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Dr. Agatha Awuah; Derrick Carr; Kathleen D’Aprix; Anne DeLand; Dr. Karen Fabrizio; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Linda Kelley; Kelly Larrivey; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Michael O’Connor; Jeffrey Peckins; Timothy Stedman; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Dr. Eunice Williams

Call to Order

At 8:31 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 update on the Schools reorganization. She explained that the Senate has spent a number of meetings discussing it in detail are largely against it. She shared results of an internal survey that was done with the faculty on the reorganization. Two broad objections – one this is premature based on the retirement incentive and we anticipate that more faculty may want to take positions in administration. Second is input. Based on the contract we are required to get 6 months notice, which they did, but faculty were not consulted on the process. Faculty believe shared governance was not included in this decision. No connection to the faculty with removal of the faculty specialist position from the schools.

New Business

New Credit-bearing Programs

Trustee Alicea introduced Anastasia Urtz, Provost & Senior Vice President, who reviewed the agenda and introduced Dr. Christopher Thuot, Assistant Provost, and David Furney, Dean, Instructional Services, to provide the update on new credit programs launching in the fall of 2023. New programs include Architectural Design Studies, AAS; Construction Management AAS; Culinary Management Certificate (pending NYSED approval); Electromechanical Technology AAS and Certificate (pending NYSED approval) – Micron partnership; Social Media and Digital Communication AS (pending NYSED approval); and Supply Chain Management AAS. New credit programs in development include Automotive Technology: Collision – feasibility study under review (Northside Collision partnership); Clinical Laboratory Technology AAS – feasibility study underway; Cannabis Studies – feasibility study underway; Data Studies – feasibility study underway; Entrepreneurial and Applied Business Studies (revision of Business Technology AAS) – initial curriculum review underway; Graphis Design – feasibility study underway; Welding AAS- governance review underway (Partners include C&S, JPW, Iron Workers Local 60, Haun Welding and K-12 partnerships with SCSD – Corcoran; and Health Promotion and Wellness – resolution to endorse a feasibility study included in today’s materials for approval.

New Workforce Programs

Dean Furney provided an overview of new workforce programs, taking into account post-traditional learners. Some new fully online programs which will help meet these needs include Creative Writing, Health Information Technology, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Liverpool Health Studies and Title III Adult Learner Workgroup. New non-credit programs and cohorts include Certified Nursing Assistant – anticipated in May 2023; Construction Trade Technician (HVAC/R) – anticipated fall 2023 (this includes a partnership with Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 81); Emergency Medical Technician – anticipated May 2023 (partnership with Upstate University Hospital); and Home Health Aide – anticipate in Fall 2023 (partnership with Loretto); Introduction to Robotics – anticipated Summer 2023 (partnership with JMA Wireless and Tessy Plastics); Licensed Practical Nurse – anticipated fall 2023; Medical Assistant – currently in session with the next cohort starting in September 2023; Pharmacy Technician – anticipated Fall 2023 (partners include Upstate University Hospital and Kinney Drugs); Phlebotomy – next cohort starts April 2023.

*Resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new program in Health Promotion and Wellness
On motion by Trustee Sindoni and seconded by Trustee Owens, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study for a new program in Health Promotion and Wellness was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:02 a.m.

Prepared by:
Julie Hart
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:
Jaime Alicea
Chair, Education Committee