

Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
W210
Presiding: Trustee Jaime Alicea

Trustees: Jaime Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Allison Guzman-Martinez; Allen Naples; Tara Owens; Neil Strodel; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Jackie Barstow; Kimberly Blanchet; Jennifer Brownell; Dr. David Bzdak; Dr. Casey Crabill; Dr. Gerardo Cummings; Kathleen D'Aprix; Dr. Justin Fiene; Sarah Gaffney; Dr. Christina Granato; Dr. Glenda Gross; Julie Hart; Amy Kremenek; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Buffy Quinn; JT Ryan; Nicole Schlater; Bridget Scholl; Wendy Tarby; Lindsey Turk; Dr. Annie Tuttle; Anastasia Urtz; Kelly Venturini; Dr. Julie White; Eunice Williams; Dr. Daria Willis

Guests: Harth Alawad; Caitlyn Garbutt; Michaela Grainger; Alyssa Haines; Marigone Istogu; Ben Masten; Suaad Obaid; Colin Reilley; Xavier Townsend

Call to Order

At 8:30 a.m., Trustee Alicea called the Education Committee meeting to order.

Faculty Senate – Professor Ryan

Trustee Alicea introduced Professor JT Ryan to provide an update on the Faculty Senate. Professor Ryan commented that this is his last meeting as Faculty Senate President, and he thanked the Board of Trustees for their support of the last few years. Dr. Crabill and Trustee Naples both offered thanks to Professor Ryan for all that he has done to support governance at OCC.

Presentations

Phi Theta Kappa Presentation

Trustee Alicea introduced Dr. Annie Tuttle, Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Coordinator, and Jackie Barstow, Phi Theta Kappa and Honors Coordinator, along with students Marigone Istogu, Michaela Grainger, and Ben Masten, to provide an update on PTK for the academic year.

Unity Day Presentation

Trustee Alicea introduced Dr. Glenda Gross, Professor, Social Sciences & Philosophy and Co-Chair of the Council for Diversity & Inclusion, and Student Trustee Allison Guzman-Martinez, to provide an update on Unity Day. Students being recognized include: Harth Alawad, Keila Arencibia, Milka Arencibia, Jayson Garcia, Allison Guzman-Martinez, Alyssa Haines, Suaad Obaid, Colin Reilley, and Xavier Townsend.

Advising Report

Trustee Alicia introduced Dr. Julie White, Senior Vice President, Student Engagement & Learning Support, and Dr. David Bzdak, Professor, Social Sciences & Philosophy, to provide an update on advising. Dr. White began with an overview of the Advising Committee, which was an

ad hoc committee from the College Leadership Council and began meeting in spring 2018 to examine best practices in advising and amongst other colleges. Dr. Bzdak discussed the faculty Student Affairs Committee, which was also formed in 2018 and reviewed the current state of advising at OCC. They also researched best practices and utilized resources from Achieving the Dream and Guided Pathways, and members were invited to join the ad hoc CLC committee led by Dr. White. There were a number of overlapping gaps and recommendations that both groups brought forward. The gaps included handoffs; communication and interaction between professional and faculty advisors; matching students with advisors; and getting students to visit with their faculty advisors. Recommendations include dedicated faculty advisors; time spent between faculty and professional advisors; and dedicated time for faculty to spend with advisees. Dr. White reviewed some additional recommendations and shared the written vision of the committee.

New Business

***Resolution to endorse a feasibility study for the following program: Geospatial Science & Technology, A.A.S.**

Trustee Alicia introduced Dr. Daria Willis, Provost & Senior Vice President, who introduced Professor Buffy Quinn, Natural & Applied Sciences, and Dr. Justin Fiene, Natural & Applied Sciences, to discuss the new program recommendation.

On motion from Trustee DeSiato and seconded by Trustee Owens, the resolution to endorse a feasibility study for the following program: Geospatial Science & Technology, A.A.S, was unanimously recommended.

Student Introduction

Dr. Crabill introduced student Caitlyn Garbutt who participated in the “Be The Match” drive on campus in 2017. She was notified earlier this year that she was a match for a woman needing her bone marrow, and Ms. Garbutt willingly donated to her. Dr. Crabill and the Board of Trustees thanked Ms. Garbutt for her generosity.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Submitted by:

Jaime Alicea
Chair, Education Committee