

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees**  
**Education Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Whitney 210**  
**Presiding: Trustee Jaime Alicea, Chair**

**Trustees:** Jaime Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Dr. Daryll Dykes (teleconference); Paul Mello; Melanie Littlejohn; Tara Owens; Chaiya Renfroe; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

**Staff:** Dr. Agatha Awuah; Kathy D'Aprix; Derrick Carr; Dr. Malkiel Choseed; Anne DeLand; Dr. Matthew DelConte; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Lisa Hoff; Linda Kelley; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Daniel Nemeth-Neumann; Michael O'Connor; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Olin Stratton; Susan Tormey; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Sean Vormwald; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Monifa Wilcox; Dr. Eunice Williams

**Call to Order**

At 8:29 a.m., Trustee Alicea called the Education Committee meeting to order.

**Faculty Senate**

Trustee Alicea introduced Olin Stratton, Faculty Senate President, to provide an update. Professor Stratton mentioned that faculty are happy to see that enrollment is up and are enjoying the class options available to them. The faculty focus has moved slightly from just teaching to assisting students in the classroom with necessary information – have you done this or that. Faculty Senate is working on a few items this semester, which include: curriculum committee is finishing SUNY gen ed initiatives; LOAC is working on updating critical thinking and information literacy to be sure we are using good sources; and Scholastic Standards is working on a revamp of the academic rules to make them more user friendly. Professor Stratton continued by stating that he is happy to see the tremendous number of faculty volunteering for Middle States. He had also asked Academic Affairs to continue to fund ACUE after the grant was complete, and they did and work continues on Quality Matters, the online training system. Filling the classrooms with faculty was a bit of a challenge this year – it is hard to find adjuncts when we didn't know we needed to look for them. Professor Stratton hopes the faculty can work with HR to develop a stronger pool of adjuncts to pull from. He also recently attended the FCCC and UFS Conferences where he met with chief governance leaders. He explained that he left the meeting relieved knowing that we have a good governance model and relationships on the OCC campus. While we don't always agree, we have good communication in place.

**Updates**

**Academic Programs Update**

Trustee Alicea introduced Anastasia Urtz, Provost & Senior Vice President, who began her report with an update on enrollment trends for 2019-2023. She compared Fall 2023 – a one-year trend - to the five-year trend within each school. For the School of Arts, Communication, Business & Entrepreneurship, all programs are showing an increase in the one-year trend except for Broadcast Media Communications AAS. The five-year trend shows a decrease in all programs except for Business Technology AAS which is up 33%. New programs in the school – Supply Chain Management and Social Media & Digital Communications – have enrolled 7 and 14 students for fall respectively.

Provost Urtz continued with the School of Health, Wellness & Human Services, where the majority of the programs are new within the last three years - there will be no five-year trend comparison. The one-year trend for all of these programs are up with the exception of the Direct Support Professional certificate. The cohort for this program does not start until later in October so this trend should reverse. The five-year trends within these programs, where applicable, are down in Human Services AS, Physical Education & Fitness Studies AS, and Physical Therapy Assistant AAS. Programs showing a five-year increase include Health Information Technology AAS, Nursing AAS, and Surgical Technology AAS. The Health Information Technology program is now completely online, and this shows with the increase in enrollment.

Provost Urtz continued with the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences. The one-year trend shows an increase in Criminal Justice AS; Creative Writing AA; Early Childhood AAS; Adolescent Education AA; Laboratory Sciences AS; and Mathematics and Science AS. The one-year trend for those programs shows a decrease in enrollment include American Sign Language AS; Early Child Care Certificate; Childhood Education AA; General Studies AA; and Humanities & Social Sciences AA. The five-year trends for these programs are all down; the exception is Creative Writing AA and Laboratory Science AS which are too new to have comparison data. Creative Writing is also now an online program.

Provost Urtz continued with the final school – Technology, Engineering and Computing. All programs within the school, with the exception of Architectural Design Studies AAS, are showing increases. The five-year trends are down in Advanced Manufacturing Certificate; Architectural Design Studies AAS; Computer Information Systems AAS; Electrical Technology AAS; Engineering Science AS; Fire Protection Technology AAS; and Mechanical Technology AAS. Programs that do not have a five-year comparison are Automotive Technology Certificate and Cybersecurity AS. New program enrollment in Construction Management AAS is at 25; Electromechanical Technology AAS at 37; and Electromechanical Technology Certificate at 11.

Provost Urtz provided a list of programs in development that include:

- American Sign Language AA (hybrid, online)
- Business Technology AAS (redesign)
- Computer Information Systems AAS (redesign)
- Liberal Arts and Sciences: Education (early, adolescent)
- Graphic Design AAS
- HVAC Technician
- Heavy Equipment Technician AAS
- Licensed Practical Nurse, Certified Nurse Assistant, Home Health Aide Workforce Certificates, Phlebotomy (online), Pharmacy Technician
- Respiratory Therapy AAS
- Welding AAS (NYSED approval pending)
- Wellness AS
- Veterinary Technology (revisit)

#### 2023-24 Priorities

Provost Urtz continued her report on the 2023-24 Academic Affairs priorities which include implement and assess the new Schools Model; ACUE: Effective Teaching Practices, Quality Matters; Middle States Commission on Higher Education Self-Study; Program Costing and

Course Designated Limit Analysis (to be led by Academic Department Chairs); and Strategic Plan Implementation Planning (Spring 2024).

**New Business**

**Developmental Writing Reform at OCC**

Provost Urtz continued her report by introducing Dr. Malkiel Choseed, Professor, English; Dr. Matthew DelConte, Professor, English; and Dean Michael O'Connor, Business, Arts & Sciences, to discuss developmental writing reform at OCC. They introduced themselves and provided an overview of the process by which they removed developmental English and how it was then included as part of credit-bearing English 103. They then reviewed the data related to the success of the initiative and the work needed to continue the upward gains.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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