

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee Jaime Alicea**

Trustees: Jaime Alicea; Hannah Durand; Melanie Littlejohn; Paul Mello; Tara Owens; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski;

Staff: Stephanie Aldrich; Dr. Agatha Awuah; Kathy D’Aprix; Anne DeLand; David Furney; Julie Hart; Dr. Warren Hilton; Linda Kelley; Michael O’Connor; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Anne Marie Smith; Timothy Stedman; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Steffani Williams

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 commented that the Faculty Senate approved the creation of new ad hoc committee on workforce. This committee will help to create a parallel process for reviewing non-credit workforce programs. Over the summer, the Provost supported the Curriculum Committee chair creating new forms and a new committee charge was also created. Cannabis will be the first program to review. Faculty are involved in this work so that if a student comes to OCC for non-credit courses, they can potentially move towards an academic pathway into a credit bearing program. Faculty are also skilled in their disciplines to develop learning outcomes, possibly working with industry partners. Professor Tamrowski mentioned that the Faculty Senate made a recommendation to the Provost for the fall 2023 schedule where faculty were hoping for more room for afternoon labs and removal of school time. Work on that project should conclude soon. The Senate also developed an additional ad hoc committee to provide direction on D2L Brightspace. All of the faculty courses have a course shell where the information lives. The conversation surrounds what data will be automatically included in the shell. Professor Tamrowski continued by saying Dr. Hilton will be visiting the Senate meeting on October 10 to answer questions the Senators may have. Faculty are also looking at the Schools structure and the vacancies within them, along with the potential for downsizing the number of schools.

New Business

Academic Program Enrollment Trends

Trustee Alicea introduced Anastasia Urtz, Provost & Senior Vice President, who provided an update on enrollment trends in academic programs. Provost Urtz stated that the programs she will be reviewing are divided by school; legacy programs were in place before her tenure. The first School was that of Art, Design, Media and Music. They are seeing progress in this School during the last year, particularly in the new program, Sound Recording. Those marked with asterisk are pending significant program revision (Broadcast Media Communications AAS and Music AS). The School of Business is less encouraging. Hospitality Management is seeing a slight increase this year, but a trend of significant declines is still apparent over the last 5 years.

The School of Computing and Applied Technologies is showing a deep downward trend in legacy programs, but they have been bolstered with PTECH courses and an increase in almost all programs in the last year. Computer Science is showing great growth with Fire Protection seeing significant losses. Work continues to help deliver these programs in hybrid models which may help increase enrollment. There is a review of Geospatial programming taking place and the potential to change the name or home for the content. Cybersecurity, which is new, is showing tremendous growth. The School of Education has dramatic loss with a small gain during the last year for Physical Education and Exercise Science. The School of Health is showing slight decreases, and there is the possibility of the Health Information Technology AAS degree being online exclusively. Program closures in Rochester and Buffalo should help to increase the need for billing expertise, and there are conversations about the potential for a certificate program in this area. The College is adding cohort for Surgical Technology and the new programs in the School of Health are robust. The Paramedic program is working through issues at Upstate, our partner in this program. Work continues with the workforce programs in this school and the ability to stack these into credit bearing programs. The College is also struggling with faculty to deliver these programs. The greatest concern appears to be in Liberal Arts, which has historically been the College's largest program. Creative Writing is strong with an option for exclusive online delivery of this program. The School of Math, Science and Engineering competes with the four-year schools; the Laboratory Science program is doing well in conjunction with SUNY Upstate. The School of Public Safety and Criminal Justice is seeing losses due to concerns with policing and mental health work.

Programs in Development

Ms. Urtz continued with an update on programs in development. In the credit space there is Data Analytics Certificate/AAS; Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology AAS; Graphic Design AAS; Medical Laboratory Technology AAS; and Surgical Technology AAS expansion. Non-credit programs include Emergency Medical Technician; Financial Literacy for Small Business (with SBDC); Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Pharmacy Technician; Cannabis: Cultivation, Extraction, Dispensary. For Cannabis, delivery of the program will take place through another industry partner with no risk to us. Work continued to determine the viability of a program at OCC. The College would not be a cultivation site based on our topography, but the extraction and dispensary with our health care programs is a possibility. Work continues to determine if there is enough market demand.

2022-23 Academic Initiatives

Ms. Urtz continued with an update on initiatives for 2022-23 in Academic Affairs. Adult learners are a priority and the College will be reviewing program modalities and how best to deliver learning to this group. NC-SARA has been approved which provides additional opportunities for programming. Work continues on which degree programs can be delivered in this way. Other conversations surround course scheduling, micro-credentials, and non-workforce credentials and work persists with part-time TAP and making it available to workforce programs. Quality Matters is the national standard for how online content is delivered. It is a faculty training initiative and revolves around engagement within the technology. The College is a recipient of \$5 million from the USDOL Community College Health CARES Consortium where OCC is leading 10 other colleges to help with scaling healthcare programs across the state. OCC will assist with program delivery and shortages with faculty to teach the programs. Eleven schools are building a currency amongst them to provide consistency within the consortium. Retention initiatives for the next year include the expansion of campus-wide use of Lazer

Success powered by Starfish; a Student Advisory Council in the Schools; to optimize and expand co-curricular supports within the College's Opportunity Programs; Athletics; Veterans Services; Multicultural programs; and the Office of Accessibility Resources.

There being no further business, Trustee Alicea adjourned the Education Committee meeting at 9:12 a.m.

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