

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York 11530

Academic, Student Affairs & Enrollment Committee Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024

The meeting of the Academic, Student Affairs & Enrollment Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on the eleventh floor of the Administrative Tower. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Weiss at 5:17 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Kathy Weiss, appointed ad hoc as Chair
John DeGrace, appointed ad hoc
Leslie Vazquez
Jorge Gardyn (ex-officio).

Committee Members Absent: Donna Tuman, Lynne D'Agostino

Also in Attendance: John Durso, Wanda Jackson, George Siberón
CAO Conzatti, Asst. VP Follick, Registrar Barkan

1. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Weiss requested a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2024. Trustee DeGrace moved the motion; seconded by Trustee Siberón. Motion carried 3-0-1(Weiss)

2. Enrollment Updates

Registrar Barkan reported that summer registration just began on March 11th, and so does not have a specific registration report. However, applications are up 1% for the first day, non-degree and visiting student enrollments are slightly down, and Fall 2024 enrollment for non-degree students are down and slightly up in visiting students. The Registrar's office continues its outreach to attract students with mailings to continuing students and new non-degree and visiting students. Summer registration is ongoing and Fall registration begins on April 26, 2024.

Asst. VP Follick presented the Fall 2024 new student enrollment trends comparing March 8, 2024 to March 10, 2023, which show an increase in applications, but a significant decrease in admitted students. We worked with our math department on reconfiguring our placement testing strategy, adding another multiple measure that uses *overall high school GPA* as one of the mechanisms. It covers placements from credit bearing to developmental coursework. One of the reasons why we are down in acceptances is we are not automatically placing students into developmental courses right now. Currently, students are given the option to test prior to acceptance, we will automatically place students into developmental course a few weeks before the semester begins. Another reason for fewer admits is that we received over 1,300 applications for our Nursing and Allied Health programs, but only 270 students can be accepted.

Trustee Jackson asked how many students applied to the Nursing and Allied Health programs last year? Dr. Follick replied that approximately the same number of students applied. There are ninety seats for Nursing and thirty seats for each of the six Allied Health programs.

Trustee Siberón asked what we do to keep tabs on those who applied but were not accepted into the programs?

Dr. Follick replied that a letter is sent to our students, freshmen and transfers, and, if they have less than a certain number of credits, they can be admitted into our Liberal Arts program. We tag them so they can meet with an advisor to get them into the track, but placement is not guaranteed. The Nursing department has made a determined effort in allotting 30 seats just for freshmen coming from high school.

Trustee Weiss inquired about a report Chair Kaplan gave on Math placement and asked, is what the Dev Ed committee and the Senate approved the same as what is being used?

Dr. Follick replied, no, while their recommendation was to use specifically, the *overall math GPA*, their recommendation was not approved following the shared governance process in which the Chief Academic Officer consulted with various administrative offices that had reviewed the recommendation, met with the math department, and examined data showing how use of the *overall high school GPA* for the last two years has been extremely successful. It should be noted, the math department's report did not have any data or current research.

Trustee Weiss confirmed that what is being used is not what was adopted by the Academic Senate? Dr. Follick replied that she is correct: after the recommendation had been reviewed, the administration instead chose to move forward, based on the available literature and data, with utilizing the *overall high school GPA*.

Dr. Follick reported that there are about 750 students that need testing.

Trustee Weiss asked Dr. Conzatti if we can expand those two programs to increase enrollment?

Dr. Conzatti replied that we are currently undergoing a program review of the College's 82 degree and certificate programs. The institution needs to be rebalanced. We are following the "SUNY Potsdam model" to evaluate every offered degree program. The biggest single issue with all these programs is going to be clinical placements. With NYU Langone building a hospital on the edge of campus, it would be helpful to expand related programs. Hopefully, some of these degree programs with high volume can be four-year programs, similar to what we have achieved with Nursing. Tough decisions have been made, through a shared governance process, as the Chairs will be asked to make recommendations after they have examined the data. Once ongoing departmental mergers have been completed and we have reviewed what resources have become available for reallocation, we then will consider expansion. We are trying to move as quickly as possible, but, again, tough conversations will be required since we will have to stop admission to programs and teach out is typically three years so current students can finish their respective degree programs. Once decisions have been made, students will no longer be admitted to these programs.

Dr. Gardyn has just brought in a potential clinical placement, and a meeting has been scheduled with this individual and Dr. DiStefano, Dean of Academic Affairs.

The Annual Science Fair was held on Saturday, March 2nd, hosted by the Honors committee and Chaired by Professors Frederick and Woelker. The event brought junior high and high school students to the campus for an amazing all-day adventure. Dr. Follick thanked the faculty who gave up their weekend to make it a success.

Trustee Siberón congratulated Registrar Barkan, who is being honored by the NCC Alumni Association.

Chair Weiss asked if there were any other items for the Committee to consider. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Brandt

Secretary to the President and
the Board of Trustees