

NCC Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

The meeting convened at 5:46 p.m.

Attendees: Committee Member Trustees: Weiss (appointed ad hoc as Chair)
 Tuman
 Gardyn (ex-officio)

Also in Attendance: Trustees: Cornachio
 Jackson
 Borzym
 Green

Arrived Late: DeGrace
 Drucker

Chair Weiss requested a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2016. Trustee Tuman moved the motion. Trustee Gardyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Trustee Gardyn made a motion to untable the resolution relating to Degree Revision during the Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of February 9, 2016. Trustee Tuman seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 (Gardyn, Tuman) -1 (Weiss)

Chair Weiss strongly recommended that the resolution should remain on the table in order to provide the opportunity for further consideration by the professional staff to finish its review, since the work by the CWCC had been put on hold during the Middle States visit, and to present its recommendation to Interim President Dolan for his decision.

Chair Gardyn asked Dr. Dolan to comment and he reported this timeline: The resolution was first introduced on December 9, 2014 with a deadline of May 12, 2015. Dr. Dolan mentioned that he arrived in September 2015, and, therefore, does not know why this target was not met. On October 5, 2015 he asked the ASEC for their input and noted the work and research done by the CWCC and its discussion of the degree. He welcomed Deans Kornbluth, Fernandez and Follick to offer their professional advice. He placed the resolution on the agenda tonight for these reasons.

Dr. Dolan explained that there is a proposed change to the resolution that appeared on the agenda. The change to the resolution is on page 4, item #3: the excess credits derived from these reductions would be distributed to general electives of the AA and AS degrees to maintain the 64 credit limit and general education requirements of the SUNY Seamless Transfer programs, rather than ask the CWCC to do so.

Trustee Cornachio recalls from November 2014, the administration was trying to get ASEC to approve the 64 credit limit for seamless transfer and had asked for Board resolution. Trustee Cornachio states that for months the CWCC did not act on the request for periodic reports to justify their standards. The administration recommended 1 Math, 1 Science and no Phys Ed to the ASEC, who rejected this proposal. Dr. Saunders vetoed the rejection and on June 9, 2015 the Board unanimously supported the veto with the exception of the multiple measures item. Trustee Cornachio is certain that a decision was made at the June 9th BOT meeting for 1 Math, 1 Science and 0 Phys Ed and that is what we should go forward with for the future of the College and the best interests of both staff and students.

Dr. Deluty, Chair of ASEC, was recognized to speak. She addressed the impact on the College community from the Middle States review and the unprecedented failure in compliance with half of the

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FOR PURPOSES OF CONSISTENCY THAT BOTH THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES HAVE IDENTICAL PHYS ED REQUIREMENTS, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE ACADEMIC SENATE SHALL MAKE MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS TO THE STATUS OF THE WORK IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT IF SAID RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT PRESENTED TO THE BOARD BY MAY 12, 2015, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS APPROPRIATE RELATING TO THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES.”

AND

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS, THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION HAS, PURSUANT TO THE INTERIM PRESIDENT’S DIRECTION, MADE RECOMMENDATIONS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN THE AFORESAID JANUARY 14, 2015 RESOLUTION,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY ADOPTS THE RECOMMENDATION OF INTERIM PRESIDENT THOMAS DOLAN RESPECTING THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES, AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) That the core requirements of the AA degree program in General Liberal Arts and Sciences - (Arts & Humanities emphasis) be reduced as follows:

Natural & Physical Sciences

Credits

From: 1 course in Laboratory Science and 1 course in lab or non-Laboratory Science	7-8
To: 1 course in Laboratory Science	4

Mathematics

From: 1 course in Mathematics and 1 course in Mathematics or Computer Science	6-8
To: 1 course in Mathematics	3-4

Phys Ed

From: 2 credits in Phys Ed	2
To: 1 credit in Phys Ed	1; AND

Other

* Require one additional course to be chosen from either Mathematics, Natural and Physical Sciences, Computer Science or Computer Processing.

- (2) That the Math/Science requirements of the AS degree in General Liberal Arts and Sciences (Mathematics & Scienc

- (3) That the excess credits derived from these reductions be distributed to General Elective areas of the AA and AS degree programs to maintain the 64 credit limit and General Education requirements of the SUNY Seamless Transfer mandate; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE AFORESAID RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVE FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING THE COLLEGE AFTER APRIL 15, 2016.

