

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Garden City, New York 11530

**Board of Trustees Policy & Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

October 11, 2022

The meeting of the Policy & Planning 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 5:10 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Kathy Weiss, Chair

Donna Tuman  
Aniruddh Patel  
Jorge Gardyn (ex-officio)

Also in Attendance: John Durso, Ronald Rosenberg  
Interim President Conzatti, Donna Haugen, Neil Singhani

1. Trustee Weiss requested a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022. Trustee Tuman moved the motion. Trustee Patel seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Trustee Weiss introduced Policy 5200: Chosen Name

Trustee Weiss asked Ms. Haugen to provide context on Policy 5200. Ms. Haugen explained that the SUNY Board of Trustees passed a resolution authorizing campus presidents to review and to update for adoption a policy on allowing students to be recognized by a name other than their legal first name, while noting that there are certain Legal Name, such as: admission records, discipline records, certain employment and personnel records, enrollment verification, financial aid records, official transcripts, paychecks and tax documents, and Pubs4734(5200)49f3TJETfes2sJu

for the initial course of vaccination: (1) two weeks after receiving the second dose in a two COVID-19 vaccine series; or (2) two weeks after receiving a single dose COVID-19 vaccine. There are limited exemptions granted to students for religious reasons, as well as for medical contraindications. In addition, students may be allowed on campus if they are in progress to become fully vaccinated as long as they sign an attestation that states they will receive their second dose in a timely matter. We agree to stay up-to-date and to align with any State and CDC guidelines on COVID-19 protocols such as masking, hand washing, social distancing, etc.

In response to the inquiry whether students are notified beforehand of risk of disenrollment for not submitting their immunization records, Dr. Singhani replied that students receive email, texts, and phone call reminders to submit their immunization records or they will be disenrolled with their classes. Dr. Singhani and Ms. Haugen were also questioned: 1) for the language being added, *their sole discretion, may at any time impose additional vaccination requirements, including a requirement for any boosters, for other campus activities including access to certain campus facilities, as dictated by SUNY COVID-19 Guidance*, to whom does to seek clarification on the meaning of ; 2) is it too restrictive and infringes on ?; 3) what is the protocol were a new vaccination requirement to arise mid-semester?; and 4) what is the percentage SUNY-wide students refusing to be vaccinated, what are the ramifications of the refusal, and was it successful or not successful? Trustee Weiss asked Dr. Singhani and Ms. Haugen to contact SUNY to determine whether the language dictated in the SUNY COVID-19 Guidance may be modified.

Ms. Haugen clarified that practice has not changed: throughout the pandemic we have been implementing COVID directives not only from SUNY but also from Nassau County Department of Health; it is helpful for students to know these immunization requirements beforehand.

Trustee Weiss requested a motion to forward Policy 5300 to the Board of Trustees for a first reading and discussion at its next scheduled Board meeting in November and for a second reading and potential approval in December. Trustee made the motion; seconded by Trustee Patel. Motion carried 4-0.

Trustee Weiss asked if there were any other items for the Committee to consider. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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