

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York 11530

Academic, Student Affairs & Enrollment Committee Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

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 Chair at 5:26 p.m.

Committee Members Present: (appointed ad hoc as Chair)
George Siberón (appointed ad hoc)

The Fall Open House is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 2023. Invitations and posters have been sent to local high schools, county agencies, and local libraries, and postcards sent to high school seniors. Recruitment sessions at local high schools are underway for Fall 2024 and new, enhanced recruitment material is being sent to the community.

Trustee Weiss, upon hearing that 2,888 students took the placement test, with particularly high numbers for math, expressed her continued dismay with what she characterizes as over-testing of students who are unable to register before passing these exams for which the validity and reliability are uncertain. Aware that Chair Kaplan of the Math Department has been working diligently to reduce the math numbers as much as possible, she is hopeful that her fellow Trustees will make it their goal to move all placement testing in the same direction as for English and Reading, wherein students no longer have developmental Reading and instead are part of the English Department and get support through an additional integrated course.

Asst. VP Follick noted that discussion with Chair Kaplan, Dean DiStefano, and Academic Senate Chair Hynes-Musnisky to address placement testing has been planned for the near future. Trustee Weiss, acknowledging agreement in commiseration, replied that the conversation should be finished, as the concern, supported by Trustee DeGrace, dates back many years and should already have been resolved.

Asst. VP Follick added that a variety of approaches, such as SUNY Free Application Week and other summer initiatives, have helped enhance recruitment and increase enrollment. Parents are concerned about costs, and our intensified marketing of academic programs in the local community has our numbers trending in the right direction. Trustee Weiss asked whether we know how many students who applied during SUNY Free Application Week have become NCC students? Asst. VP Follick responded that he will supply that data at the October Board meeting after the Census Milestone date. Dr. Conzatti reinforced that we are