

**The Academic-Student Life Committee
meeting of the Board of Trustees was held
on November 6, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.
in the Robert Michael Sdao Memorial Board Room
at SUNY Niagara
and via ZOOM**

Academic-Student Life Committee Board Members

Ms. Sheila Smith, Chairperson
Mr. Kevin Clark

Board Members Excused

Mr. David Haylett, Jr., Vice, Chairperson
Mr. William Ross
Mr. Jacob Fleming, Jr.

Administration Present

President Lloyd A. Holmes
Ms. Tammy Bruno, Interim Asst. Vice President of Academic Affairs
Robert McKeown, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs/Campus Engagement

Committee Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

A roll call acknowledged the following trustees were present: Trustees Kevin Clark and Sheila Smith.

Academic-Student Life Committee Minutes

Committee Chairperson Smith stated the minutes from October 2, 2024 committee meeting will be presented at the December Academic Student Life Committee meeting, as there was not a quorum.

Student Services Updates

Enrollment Update - Assistant Vice President McKeown provided a handout showing budget goals for spring 2025, and current enrollment numbers. Our applications are steady for spring 2025 with approximately 50 applications fewer than Spring 2024. The acceptance rate is higher at 396 students for spring 2025 compared to 370 students for spring 2024.

Open house is scheduled for the Sanborn campus on Thursday, November 7 with 200 students registered.

Open house is scheduled for NFCI on Saturday, November 9 with 53 students registered.

Student Housing Update - Assistant Vice President McKeown stated the new housing director, David Lindahl started on October 21, and has been a positive addition to that area.

Trustee Clark was appreciative for the handout outlining enrollment information. AVP McKeown stated he, Fabio Escobar and new Admissions Director Stephanie Florczak are working together to keep the data current.

There were no further questions.

Academic Affairs Updates

New Program Proposal: Culinary Cannabis Skills Certificate – Interim Assistant Vice President Bruno discussed the growing demand for cannabis culinary professionals. This certificate will provide comprehensive training in all aspects of cannabis culinary arts, making it the first and only program of its kind, not only within the SUNY system, but across the entire United States. This certificate will focus on how to infuse food and edibles with cannabis. Trustee Smith asked about the market viability for this; Interim AVP Bruno stated there is a rising demand for this type of program, and students will be able to work in restaurants and the industry.

Committee Chairperson Smith and Trustee Clark agreed to move this item to the full board meeting in November.

Trustee Clark inquired about a discussion he had with a SUNY Niagara alum, and his interest in mentoring students in high school to pursue a teaching education career. Ms. Bruno will speak with Ms. Ulatowski regarding this.

The next meeting scheduled is on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the Robert Michael Sdao Memorial Board Room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Barbara Walck
Assistant to the President