

Academic Affairs Spring 2025 Meeting

January 28, 2025

Campbell Student Union
Social Hall



Agenda

- Updates
 - Personnel Changes
 - Fall 2024
- Spring 2025 Activities
- Spring 2025 Reminders
- Graduate, Research, and Special Programs
- Ceremonial Events
- Guests
 - Finance & Management
 - Enrollment Management



Personnel Updates

- School of SAS
 - Dean Kelly Frothingham
 - Vida Vanchan, Southeast Asian Faculty Associate Researcher
- School of Professions
 - Catherine Cardina, SOP Curriculum
 - Leah Panek-Shirley, SOP Student Success
- School of Education
 - Shannon Budin, Hank Mann Endowed Chair
- Academic Affairs
 - Carolynn Krupp, Director of Academic Planning & Technology
 - Jalen Wright, Assistant Director of Academic Standards





Fall 2024 Activities

- Investigate best practices for Tutoring Services and Student Support [Pillar 3, SUNY Priority Pillar 1.b & 1.c, Pillar 5.1]
- Develop academic measures to help students on probation [Pillar 3, SUNY Priority Pillar 1.b & 1.c, Pillar 5.1]



Spring 2025 Activities

- SUNY Online Enrollment Roundtable
- SUNY Pilot - Framework for Enhancing Academic Programs Taskforce
- SOE-SOP Implementation Team
- Task Forces
 - Academic Affairs Department Merger & Curriculum Synergies
 - Student Success
 - Process Improvement Task Force
- Advisory Committee



SUNY Online Enrollment Roundtable

Charge

- Identify online program aspirations and ensure alignment with overall enrollment planning aspirations
- Identify target populations that may be ideal for growth or new program development, based on high needs/high demand areas
- Create strategies to advance these efforts through a scalability plan to ensure that resources for support can scale with enrollment growth

Roster

Bonita Durand, LeVar Burke, Amitra Wall, Scott Goodman, Kristin Fields, Randyll P. Bowen, David Loreto, Nigel Mariner, Ken Fujiuchi, Laurie Buonanno, Jim Thor, Kelly D'Aloisio, Tom Killian, Geoffrey L. Nason, Kelly Frothingham, Wendy Paterson, Carol DeNysschen, Meghan Pereira, 1-2 Faculty from online oversight

SUNY Pilot - Framework for Enhancing Academic Programs Taskforce



Charge

SUNY will partner with Buffalo State – a dedicated SUNY staff will be assigned to the campus to assist with identifying, collecting, and assessing key performance indicators (KPIs) that will guide our assessment of the effectiveness of programs.

Roster

Academic Deans, Yves Gachette, Nigel Marriner, Randy Bowen, Amitra Wall, Kelly D'Aloisio, Jim Thor, Geoff Nason, Sue McCartney, Kristin Fields, Denise Harris, Bill Benfanti, Meghan Pereira, Howard Reid, Ken Fujiuchi, SUNY representative

SOE-SOP Implementation Task Force

Charge is to recommend deliverables by May 2025:

- new bylaws for the new Unit (to include governance structure, membership, meeting cadence, elections, etc).
- protocols and procedures for promotion and tenure for the merged School.
- alignment of key personnel: associate deans, assistant deans, department chairs, directors
- structure and composition of school committees and Units (personnel, curriculum, budget, TEU, etc).
- alignment of SOE-SOP academic and non-academic departments and programs.
- Dean's position description in collaboration with Academic Affairs.

Advisory Committee

Charge is to:

- **Provide Input:** Offer advice and feedback on matters concerning academic policies, initiatives, and strategic priorities.
- **Share Perspectives:** Represent the diverse voices across the university community, ensuring that various viewpoints are considered when making decisions that impact academic affairs.
- **Collaborative Dialogue:** Engage in open, constructive conversations with fellow committee members and academic leadership to identify challenges, opportunities, and areas of growth within the academic sphere.
- **Support Academic Excellence:** Contribute to the development of strategies that enhance teaching, learning, and research, helping us fulfill our academic mission and vision.
- **Advisory Role:** Provide thoughtful recommendations to the Provost and Academic Affairs leadership team.

Process Improvement Task Force

Charge is to recommend deliverables by May 2025:

- inventory processes, systems, and functions to determine if adaptation, streamlining, or elimination is required in the two-school structure
- collect feedback from faculty and staff on process improvement and identify best practices for process and system streamlining
- update language in unit-level academic and administrative policies to reflect the two-unit organization and leadership and determine any policies that need to be rewritten entirely
- review faculty handbook and bylaws to identify any language referring to departments or chairs and update to reflect the two-unit model

Academic Affairs Department Merger & Curriculum Synergies Task Force

Charge is to recommend deliverables by May 2025:

- inventory of existing courses across all programs to determine opportunities for combining similar courses into single offerings
- identify opportunities for course sharing, faculty collaboration, and resource optimization
- facilitate discussions with faculty, staff, students, and administration to gather input and feedback on proposed department mergers, curriculum adjustments, and potential impact on accreditation and compliance
- identify potential challenges and concerns from affected stakeholders and develop strategies to mitigate negative impact



Student Success Task Force

Charge is to recommend deliverables by May 2025:

- identify student success goals for reorganization and venues for divisions to encourage open discussion about student progress
- communicate reorganization to students, working with institution-wide communication offices
- seek feedback from Academic Affairs Department Merger & Curriculum Synergies ad-hoc committee on reorganization from student government and student groups
- collaborate with faculty and staff to identify resources and support structures for student involvement in opportunities
- identify opportunities for students to engage with the two Unit structure through undergraduate research, entrepreneurship programs, community projects, experiential programs and projects

SOE-SOP Implementation Task Force

Members:

Jim Sobol*, Julie Henry*, Steve Macho, Gliset Morales, Deb Silverman, Jessica Fitzpatrick, Leah Panek-Shirley, Lorena Mathien, Ilya Grinberg, Tina Colaizzo-Anas, Andrew Hashey, Gehan Senthinathan, Mary Codick

Student Success Task Force

Members:

Sierra Mills, Drew Kahn, Jill D'Angelo, Marcus Watson, Catherine G Ansuini, Elizabeth Hartz, Kevin Williams, Tomás Henriques, Gary Solar, Andrew Binder, Tao Tang, Raquel Schmidt, Dan Blum, Dorothea Braemer, Dr. Sway Rosario-Caliz, Beth Holleran, Tiffany Bromfield, Kaylene Waite, Atta Ceesay, Judi Harris

Academic Affairs Department Merger & Curriculum Synergies Task Force

Members:

Fred Floss, Jill Norvilitis, Kathleen O'Brien, P. Rudy Mattai, Kristin Fields, Carol Beckley, Keith Fulcher, Andrea Guiati, Ann Liao, Catherine Cardina, Elisa Bergslien, Alayla Ende, Dianne McCarthy, Meghan Pereira; Laurie Buonanno, Geraldine Bard, Kevin Miller

Advisory Committee

Members:

Yeshevie Hubbard
Alex Matiash
Rada Montroy
Joe Marren
Betty Cappella
Diane Young
Carolyn Morris-Hunt
Stacy Beauford

Process Improvement Task Force

Members:

Scott Goodman, Julian Cole, Leasa Mills, Kim Zittel-Barr, Macy Todd, Ho Eui Holly Bewlay, Ikhee Cho, Lisa Marie Anselmi, Corinne Kindzierski, Keli Garas-York, Kevin Williams, Kristen Mruk, Charles Lyons, Ken Fujiuchi, Michelle Hockett, Alexis Greinert, David Marcinkowski, Stephanie Richards, Matthew Karovski



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Spring 2025 Activities

- Jan 29 & Jan 31 – Anne Frank Project’s Professional Development
- Beyond Boundaries: Feb 20 - Daughters | March 6 - Power of the Dream | April 17 - Every Body April
- TBA – De-escalation Training
- TBA – Crisis Communication
- Early & Late Progress Surveys in Navigate
- March 10-21 – Midterm Grades in Banner
- April 25 – Alpha Lambda Delta Induction
- April 26 – 18th Annual Fashion Runway
- May 2 – 27th Annual Student Research and Creativity Conference (SRCC)
- May 8 – EOP’s Honor Program

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