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Senate Meeting Minutes October 19, 2026

Present: Genevieve Salerno, Doug Holub, Barbara Davies, Lisa Tessier, Dan Gashler, Sanum Shafi, Diana Pollard, Jack Tessier, Francesca Donancricchia , Cheri Rossi, Dan Davis, Barbara D'Anna, Katherine Palm, Sophia Barmen, Rachel Seeber, Jacob Taylor, Erin Wagner, Beth Boyd, Nicole Myatt, Jason Cash, Max Dehne, Nathan Tweedie, Brian Bean, Michael Tweed, Nikki Pickett, Kari Haugeto, David Brower, Abi Brannen-Wilson, Simon Purdy, Nazely Kurkjian, Chelsea Matthieu, Lori Tremblay

Proxies: Lisa Tessier proxy for Heather Schwartz, Genevieve Salerno proxy for Shannon Shoemaker, Sanum Shafi proxy for Dan Gashler (after 5 PM), Cheri Rossi for Alice Krause

Meeting starts at 4:32 PM

Welcome! We hope everyone and their families are healthy and safe – please mute and keep your camera on.

Approval of October 5, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion made by Sanum S., second by Jason C.

Discussion: None.

Vote taken: 20 yes. 0 no. Minutes approved.

Updates: Provost, Presider

Provost: David Brower: Active in expanding partnerships with community colleges, such as Hudson Valley CC establishing branch campus for construction management. Other areas have express interest on both campuses as well. Collaborating with the business department and criminal justice have both expressed interest. Robust enrollment and location in the capital district means exciting opportunities. Pres. Bonderoff, Sean Cobstill and myself went to the Corning Community College to look at an extension center to teach students in the bachelor's degree program in a hybrid format with mechatronics, cyber operations, criminal justice and business too. Looking at articulations with that as well. Environmental sustainability as well. Tompkins Cortland Community College has a number of students in their nursing program so we are looking at a way to pair up with them. Onondaga CC is also in preliminary conversations with Reconnect eligible programs as well.

In addition, we are working with Oneonta BSN space, and shared services in the administrative and instructional level for cross listing courses. In continued dialogue with BOCES centered to

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entice concurrent enrollment through micro-credentials. Academic portfolio optimization is being managed through APAC. Programmatic evaluations, revisions, and new programs, always looking for ideas so if you have some, please share with the group. New members have volunteered to participate which helps the dialogue become dynamic. Proposed calendars that have been shared with Doug and others in Senate will be shared out in a greater range soon. Looking for perpetual benchmarks, and giving room for professional development, alignment of B and K terms, and reimagining the final exam week are in discussion.

Collaboration with Abby Brannen-Wilson and Monica Liddle, along with Nikki Pickett for micro-credentials so they can be advertised in a broader way. Prior learning assessment procedures are being built so students have the ability to take full advantage of those. Nikki is also cleaning up policies for course auditing, transfer equity. First day of free SUNY Application weeks from today to October 19 to November 2. Encourage people to apply this week because it's free! SUNY Reconnect has been expanded a second time, and now includes more schools that are able to participate which will open the opportunity for us to tap in to that. SUNY Reconnect allow students who are interested in select programs that have been deemed high demand by NYS Labor Dept can provide free college.

High impact practices work is being expanded by way of a working group. Attributes for specific courses are being added relative to particular aspects of the course, which will help the registrar track them. Expansion was promoted by ASAP and ACE.

Grants have been submitted for our nursing campus simulation support.

SUNY Agrotech funding request was submitted. We have a meeting with their selection team and we are hoping to get funding from that.

Sexual violence prevention and education grant was submitted. Thanks to Student Life and Ellen Liberatori.

Working on campus wide AI policy now. Not an academic policy per se, but a broader brush.

Successful visit for the pre-license program in nursing and in our online masters of science degrees.

A template has been created to monitor savings to ensure that we are moving in the right directions. Continuing to review backfilling positions, historical course offerings, and schedules with minimal conflict, also looking to reduce adjunct and extra service course coverage as much as possible to ensure full-time faculty have full loads.

GS : Can you speak a little more to the full time faculty contractual obligations and extra service?

David B.; Full time faculty making load is important. Faculty may not be able to make full courses so we are trying to make sure they are teaching full time loads. We are also trying to right size the course schedule and offerings to make sure we have full sections to run the class, and to ensure we are also making full utilization of course sections. Making sure to achieve the highest rate of class fills as possible as well.

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Doug H.: I invited Nikki Picket here to give a brief synopsis of the new calendar up for review.

Nikki P.: Academic Calendar Committee put forth a three year calendar to have three years at a time available to the public for planning purposes. Trying to make it a consistent format. We are looking at some different items in regards to reviewing the structures of the A,B, B and K courses, as well as the final exam schedules. You may see a change there in the winter session. We have elected to create some space between the fall session ending and the winter session beginning which will enable students to figure out if they need to take another class based on their grades. You will see the same thing repeated throughout the years, just with different dates.

GS: Midterm grades due on a Wednesday was a little strange for many of my constituents because it meant some sections of classes were being assessed using different due dates than others. Is that going to be a feature of these calendars moving forward?

Nikki P: We can look at that for sure. We did not hear anything about this previously.

Lisa T.: Is there a place where you are collecting feedback regarding the finals week.

Nikki P.: We tried to get faculty representation back to their areas for feedback. It could be that the message was not relayed. We will try to get it out to you, and hear your feedback.

Doug H.: So email is a good way to get feedback to you?

Nikki P.: Yes.

Presider: Doug H.: There is work being done for getting gifts that will support academic materials to the library. Like getting textbooks reserved in the library. Work being done on that. Another area we encourage participation in is called “From Room to Remote” which is a hybrid meeting training series.

Old Business

One Academic and one Non-academic College Senator For Budget & Planning Committee

College Senate Faculty APAC Rep.

New Business

Curriculum Proposals - Erin W.: Business hospitality and recreation - cyber operations changing to computer information systems which will essentially incorporate two new courses. Horticultural classes updated pre-requisites. Golf program updates to Carnegie units, and restaurant class updating with the optional 4th hour of lab to enable help for students who need it.

Motion to approve made by Sanum S., second by Cheri R.

Discussion: none

Vote taken: 17 yes. 0 no. Motion passes.

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Erin W.: Seven proposals from Applied Tech. Construction in process of switching prefixes, new course will replace an ARC course making it more specific to the program. Cleaning up requirements for the program. New courses planned and incorporated into the degrees themselves.

Motion to approve made by Jason C., second by Rachel S.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 17 yes. 0 no.

Erin W.: Changes to SLOs in Nursing Practicums 1 and 2 to show progression through course work.

Motion to approve made by Lori T., second by Barbara A.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 18 yes, 0 no.

Erin W.: Vet Sci has two new courses they are introducing. Meant to create courses that are focused specifically on information that was housed within different classes.

Motion to approve: Lori T., second by Jason C.

Discussion : none

Vote taken : 17 yes. 0 no.

Erin W.: We are currently looking at the non GE attributes at the moment. Some of them are confusing and not used anymore so we are having reps from our committee look at them but if anyone knows of some that are not active anymore, just let us know.

Rachel S.: I am hoping to get feedback from members for a possible short term solution as it related concerns about communication and perception of safety. Additional guidance and steps for learning more. I did speak to Mary B. about a possible solution. Mary asked that I gather feedback regarding doorstoppers.

Discussion regarding use of door stops included several senators speaking in favor of this motion.

Abby B.: For getting committees aligned again, we are going to be doing a survey for the fall to figure out what committees are active. If you are the lead for a committee, please reach out. Also an outlook calendar shell will be coming out with trainings so you can attach them to your own calendar.

Doug H.: I will encourage people to take this back to their constituents and send this back to you.

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Abbi B.: The Innovation Council is starting its second meeting on October 29 from 3 to 4. We are working on the employee journey and how to improve that process. Links to be shared that will show resources.

Announcements

Sanum S.: Sanford 207 campus listening circle is based on campus climate data at 4 PM tomorrow.

Wading in with Care Conversations: Look for upcoming opportunities (expect two in October and two in November) to gather and talk through recent unsettling events and bias incidents reported on our campus. Leave with more information, resources, skills and talking points that help strengthen campus.

The Commencement Committee is seeking a faculty representative for the 2026-2027 school year to represent academics. Our committee is made up of representatives from many campus offices and plans all elements of the annual Commencement ceremonies. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please fill out the interest form by Friday, October 9 at 5 pm. Questions? Please reach out to Amanda Holland, Commencement Committee Chairperson by email: hollanaj@delhi.edu.

Call for faculty participation on the Calendar Committee. Matters other than spring break are being considered (e.g. fall break(s) and Finals Week). Goal is to establish a 3-year plan that can be easily extended into the future. (available in the SharePoint meeting)

A representative from the College Senate Faculty to sit on APAC is needed.

APAC is requesting a faculty representative from each school.

One Academic and one Non-academic College Senator For Budget & Planning Committee Needed o College Senate Representatives (senators) needed from the following areas:

- o LA&S
- o Finance & Administration

Online Instruction Committee needs additional members. Please contact Paul Rogan if you are interested/have questions. o Resources for Hosting an Effective Hybrid Meeting are now available. In addition, there are five sessions scheduled (the first is Sept. 30): full schedule available on Callas Center BroncoConnect. The guide and the sessions provide both the "how to host hybrid well" and the practical "how to make it work in this room" pieces.

Meeting Minutes Availability: : https://www.delhi.edu/academics/college-senate/minutes/index.phpS

Adjourn Meeting at 5:43 PM

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