

**SUNY Oswego
College Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024
1:30pm**

114 Marano Campus Center and via Zoom video conference

Attendance

College Council Members Present:

In person:

Austin Davis
Dick Farfaglia
Tara FitzGibbons
Kristin Shanley-Graves

On zoom:

Darlene Baker
Brian McGrath
Jim McMahaon

Invited Guests Present:

In person:

Kestutis Bendinskas
Kendra Cadogan
Jamal Coleman
Tina Cooper
Karen Crowe
Kristi Eck
Scott Furlong
Kathleen Kerr
Peter Nwosu
Christine Patrick
Liz Schmitt
Mary Toale
Becky Waters

On zoom:

Jenifer Janes
Shashi Kanbur

Additional Attendees:

On zoom:

Zach Vickery

Minutes

- 1. Welcome and call to order** James McMahon, College Council Chair
Called to order 1:39 pm
- 2. Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2023** James McMahon, College Council Chair
T. FitzGibbons moved to approve, D. Farfaglia seconded
Motion passed unanimously
- 3. Solar Eclipse - April 8, 2024** Shashi Kanbur, Professor;
Director of the Astronomy Program

Tina Cooper, Internship & Student
Employment Coordinator; OWIER Intern

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Question-what is Doppler on Wheels? Meteorology earned an NSF grant.
- 4. Quest - April 16, 2024** Kestutis Bendinskas, Distinguished
Professor, Chemistry

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Quest Began in 1980
How many students from Oswego county schools attend? We invite them. School
counselors invited
- 5. Alumni Report** Jennifer Janes, Alumni Representative

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- 6. Faculty Assembly Report** Elizabeth Schmitt, Chair, Faculty

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Report from Task Force to FA in April, will move through the process from there
- 7. Student Association Report** Austin Davis, Student Association President

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Please Note: Austin did a nice job at commencement

8. **President's Report**

Peter O. Nwosu, President

Learn by doing—signature component of the university

Introductions of new leaders on campus:

Karen Crowe: Interim Vice President for Communication and Marketing

Jamal Coleman: Director of Operations for the President's Office

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Note: Expression of thanks to Mary Toale, as it is her last College Council meeting.

Cory Bezek discussed enrollment slides

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Q and A: Data is point in time year to year

Will do a mini conferences with community colleges for the collaborative: money from SUNY to us and to the CCs to support the work

Are transfer students: primarily from two year schools? Yes OCC is the number 1 feeder school.

How are the early college programs? Considered strong.

Do the credits transfer? Yes

Scott Furlong discussed retention slides

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Kathleen Kerr discussed slides on strengthening student support

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Mental health supports

Q: Value in embedding earlier high school recruiting working toward an office of pre-college office for k-12. Working with SYR as well to bring students to campus in the summer.

Q: commuters struggle to be retained? Yes, nationally commuting students retain at a lower level

President Nwosu discussed slides on budget

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President Nwosu discussed slides on fundraising, endowment, etc.

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Scott Furlong discusses slides on Curricular Innovation

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What is the Great Lakes Institute? So we can highlight the work we are doing with the Great Lakes.

President Nwosu reviewed final few slides

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Q&A

Note: Thank you

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Tara FitzGibbons; Kristin Shanley-Graces seconded.
Motion approved

3:27pm Meeting Adjourned