

# Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

April 12, 2016

Arnold Drucker, Chair

Donna Tuman

Kathy Weiss

Jorge Gardyn, ex-officio

Kenneth Saunders, College Liaison

Thomas Fernandez, College Liaison

**All Board Members are invited to participate.**

## Agenda

1. Approval of the February 9, 2016 Minutes.
2. Degree Revisions

**Meeting opened at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

1. Approval of the February 9, 2016 Minutes

Chair: Do I have a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2016?

Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_ I make a motion that the minutes be approved.

Chair: Do I have a second?          Seconded by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_

Chair: Is there any discussion? (*If so, the discussion proceeds.*) If not, all in favor say "aye," all opposed say, "nay." Any abstentions?

Motion carried – For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain.

2. Degree Revisions

**WHEREAS**, AT ITS JANUARY 14, 2015 MEETING, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTED AN AMENDED RESOLUTION, CLARIFYING ITS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION OF DECEMBER 09, 2014 CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES, AS FOLLOWS:

**“BE IT RESOLVED** THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY DIRECTS THE ACADEMIC SENATE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONSISTENT WITH GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS OF A MINIMUM OF 60 AND A MAXIMUM OF 64 CREDITS FOR A REDESIGN OF THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA DEGREE TO INCLUDE OPTIONS THAT ALLOW FOR GRADUATION WITH THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA DEGREE WITH LESS THAN TWO COURSES OF MATH, TWO COURSES OF SCIENCE AND TWO CREDITS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE DATA,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT FOR PURPOSES OF CONSISTENCY THAT BOTH THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES HAVE IDENTICAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT THE ACADEMIC SENATE SHALL MAKE MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS TO THE STATUS OF THE WORK IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT IF SAID RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT PRESENTED TO THE BOARD BY MAY 12, 2015, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS APPROPRIATE RELATING TO THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES.”

AND

**WHEREAS**, AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 14, 2015, THE ACADEMIC SENATE RESPONDED TO THE BOARD’S RESOLUTION OF JANUARY 14, 2015 BY ENACTING A RESOLUTION THAT CALLED UPON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO RESCIND ITS DEGREE REVISION RESOLUTIONS, AND

**WHEREAS**, ON MAY 1, 2015, ACTING PRESIDENT KENNETH SAUNDERS DID EXERCISE A PRESIDENTIAL VETO OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE’S APRIL 13, 2015 RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS APPROVED AT THE ACADEMIC SENATE’S MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2015, WHICH CALLED UPON THE BOARD TO RESCIND ITS DEGREE REVISION RESOLUTIONS, AND

**WHEREAS**, AT ITS MEETING OF JUNE 09, 2015, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOTED TO SUSTAIN ACTING PRESIDENT SAUNDERS’ VETO OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE’S APRIL 13, 2015 RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED UPON THE BOARD TO RESCIND ITS DEGREE REVISION RESOLUTIONS, THEREBY REITERATING THE BOARD’S INTENT TO PURSUE FURTHER ACTION ON THE MATTER OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO ITS RESOLUTION OF JANUARY 14, 2015, AND

**WHEREAS**, AS OF THE JANUARY 12, 2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, WELL PAST THE MAY 12, 2015 DEADLINE REFERENCED IN THE BOARD’S JANUARY 14, 2015 RESOLUTION CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES, THE ACADEMIC SENATE HAS NOT AVAILED ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD REGARDING SAID DEGREE REQUIREMENTS, AND

**WHEREAS**, ON OCTOBER 5, 2015, THE INTERIM PRESIDENT FURTHER EXTENDED THE TIME FOR THE ACADEMIC SENATE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE RECITED JANUARY 14, 2015 RESOLUTION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 12, 2015, AND

**WHEREAS**, THEREAFTER THE COLLEGE INTERIM PRESIDENT, DR. THOMAS DOLAN, DIRECTED THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION TO FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AFORESAID JANUARY 14, 2015 RESOLUTION, AND

**WHEREAS**, THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION HAS, PURSUANT TO THE INTERIM PRESIDENT’S DIRECTION, MADE RECOMMENDATIONS REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN THE AFORESAID JANUARY 14, 2015 RESOLUTION,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEREBY ADOPTS THE RECOMMENDATION OF INTERIM PRESIDENT THOMAS DOLAN RESPECTING THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GENERAL LIBERAL ARTS AA AND AS DEGREES, AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) That the core requirements of the AA degree program in General Liberal Arts and Sciences - (Arts & Humanities emphasis) be reduced as follows:

**Natural & Physical Sciences** **Credits**

From: 1 course in Laboratory Science and 1 course in lab or non-Laboratory Science	7-8
To: 1 course in Laboratory Science	4

**Mathematics**

From: 1 course in Mathematics and 1 course in Mathematics or Computer Science	6-8
To: 1 course in Mathematics	3-4

**Physical Education**

From: 2 credits in Physical Education	2
To: 1 credit in Physical Education	1; AND

**Other**

\* Require one additional course to be chosen from either Mathematics, Natural and Physical Sciences, Computer Science or Computer Processing.

- (2) That the Math/Science requirements of the AS degree in General Liberal Arts and Sciences (Mathematics & Science emphasis) remain unchanged, and the Physical Education requirement be modified, as for the AA degree:

<u>Natural &amp; Physical Sciences</u>	<u>Credits</u>
No Change: 2 lab course sequence	8
<u>Mathematics</u>	
No Change: 2 course sequence	8
<u>Physical Education</u>	
From: 2 credits in Physical Education	2
To: 1 credit in Physical Education, as for AA degree	1; AND

- (3) That the CWCC distributes the excess credits derived from these reductions across the other discipline areas of the AA and AS degree programs to maintain the 64 credit limit and General Education requirements of the SUNY Seamless Transfer mandate; AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** THAT THE AFORESAID RECOMMENDATIONS SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVE FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING THE COLLEGE AFTER APRIL 15, 2016.

**Chair:** Do I have a motion to consider this item

**Trustee:** \_\_\_\_\_ I make a motion.

**Chair:** Do I have a second. Seconded by **Trustee** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Chair:** Is there any discussion of the resolution? If there is no further discussion, the question before us is the resolution introduced by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_.

**Chair:** All in favor say "aye," all opposed say "nay." Any abstentions?

Motion carried – For: \_\_\_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chair:** Is there a motion to adjourn?

**Trustee 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ I make a motion to adjourn.

**Trustee 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ I second the motion.

Motion carried – For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain.

Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.