

Spring Plenary
Tech Sector Report

Present were Barb Brabetz and Chuck Moran of Cobleskill, Charles Fenner of Canton, Nana-Yew Ando of Delhi, Lou Scala of Farmingdale, Calista McBride of Alfred, and Timothy Gerken of Morrisville.

We had a visit from Karen Spellacy the CAO representative for the Spring Plenary.

Timothy Gerken was re-elected Tech Sector representative.

There was a discussion of Presidential search procedures as a number of campuses recently had searches and there are ongoing searches. Some suggestions include having strong faculty leadership, having only tenured faculty on the committee, and maintaining a strong focus on shared governance.

Open SUNY concerns and successes were also discussed.

Chancellor Questions:

1. Many courses such as math, engineering, and statistics require specialized tutoring. How will Open SUNY fund these tutors especially during hours when faculty is not on campus?
2. Because of the pressure to join Open SUNY, some of the Tech colleges are concerned about funding repetitive courses or moving to far away from our applied educational model. Would it be possible for Open SUNY Plus to create a competitive funded mechanism for pilot programs as a way of testing creative models, which include both practical and online courses.
3. How will the new SUNY-wide metrics being developed take into account students who enter an Associate's program (such as Liberal Arts without any interest in completing this degree), but who have the ultimate goal of moving into a Bachelor's program.

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