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Open SUNY

SUNY Faculty Senate

May 3, 2013

Associate Provost Carey Hatch

Open SUNY

- Provides, encourages and leverages:
 - New online courses
 - New targeted degree programs differentiated by
 - Experiential learning opportunities
 - Utilization of Prior Learning Assessment
 - Utilization of MOOCs or other approved learning
 - Improved avenues for degree completion and time to degree
 - Open Education Resources for instruction
 - Comprehensive student and faculty support services
 - Knowledge and expertise of SUNY faculty and campuses already invested in online learning.



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Open SUNY – Board of Trustees

- Board of Trustees unanimously passed the Open SUNY Resolution on March 19, 2013
 - Empowers the Provost to begin implementation of Open SUNY
 - “in broad consultation with University constituencies, including campus leadership, the University Faculty Senate, the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, and the Student Assembly.”

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Activities Underway

- A new Advisory/Steering team is being considered. It would include representatives from the Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, Academic Vice Presidents, and others
- Through a formal RFP process, we are contracting with a consulting firm to assist with development of the implementation, communication and financial plans
- Empire State College has a Lumina grant to model PLA
- Modest funding has been provided to Empire State College to begin the Degree Completion component
- Former Canton President Joe Kennedy is working with faculty from three campuses to create new IT degrees that share a common core set of courses
- In coordination with one of our campuses, we are in conversations with a MOOC platform provider that will allow for both delivery and consumption of MOOCs
- SUNY Learning Commons is in soft roll out, it will be released in production along with the new SUNY.EDU website in January 2014

Activities Underway

- An Open SUNY “placeholder” website is in place and plans are underway for a production environment to meet the needs of prospective online students
- We are developing a service to facilitate campuses through an institutional readiness activity to increase awareness of the supports and services necessary for successful online programs
- We are in discussion with a variety of technology and service providers to better understand how we can make the student experience as rich and supportive as possible
- The SUNY Learning Network, Center for Professional Development and the Office of Library Services are realigning to support the initiative
- We are in discussions with the library community to take an active lead in a content initiative similar to Cal State’s Affordable Learning Solution’s
- The SLN Advisory Council will be developing specifications for contractual services to address online student verification and proctoring

Related Activities

- Innovative Instruction Technology Grants entering second year of funding
 - Next year there will likely be targeted grants to assist in the development of Open SUNY
- FACT2 Task Groups looking at
 - Learning Analytics
 - Technology and developmental education
 - E-Portfolios
- Conference on Instruction and Technology
 - SUNY Institute of Technology, May 21-24



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Discussion



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