

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Garden City, New York 11530

Academic, Student Affairs & Enrollment Committee Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2026

The meeting of the Academic, Student Affairs & Enrollment Committee of the Board of Trustees was held in the College Center Building room 252-253. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Tuman at 5:27 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Donna Tuman, Chair
Lynne D'Agostino
Joshua Hammer
Jorge Gardyn (ex-officio).

Committee Members Absent: Elliot Conway

Also in Attendance: John DeGrace, John Durso
CAO Conzatti, Registrar Barkan, Asst. VP Follick, AVP Hylton

1. Approval of Minutes

Trustee Tuman requested a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2026. Trustee Hammer moved the motion; seconded by Trustee D'Agostino. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Enrollment Updates

Registrar Barkan reported on the spring census as of February 12, 2026. He noted that continuing student enrollment increased by 3%, exceeding the 2% growth target, and total enrollment rose by 5% compared to the previous spring. He expressed enthusiasm about this progress and ongoing momentum. He also shared that the next focus will be on increasing non-degree student enrollment through more structured outreach to personal enrichment and visiting students, with the goal of achieving growth by next semester.

AVP Follick reported that one of our largest percentage increases is in the high school enrichment population, also known as dual enrollment. This program allows high school students to take NCC courses directly on their own campuses. From Spring 2022 to Spring 2026, enrollment has grown significantly—from 47 students to 878 students this spring. This growth represents a substantial opportunity for our students, faculty, and the broader community through expanded collaboration.

Regarding 2026 credits, overall enrollment is up 3%, which is encouraging. However, when disaggregated, there is a decline in both first-time-in-college and transfer student populations. While initial trends were positive, some drop-off occurred as the semester began. As we know, factors such as life circumstances and financial challenges can affect student persistence, and we are actively examining the causes behind this decline. Despite these challenges, most areas continue to show positive indicators.

Looking ahead, summer registration opened on March 9 and is already trending positively. We are off to a strong start and will continue to monitor progress and provide updates in future meetings. Registration for the rest of our students begins March 16. Additionally, we have upcoming events for admitted high school seniors during their April break. These will take place on April 8 and April 10 and will give students a chance to visit campus and get a sneak peek at what NCC has to offer.

Trustee Tuman asked for a brief explanation of the difference between “new first-time in college” students, which increased by 4%, and “advancing success in associate pathways,” which increased by 31%, and what distinguishes the two groups of students.

AVP Follick explained the 4% increase in “new first-time in college” refers to students who are enrolling in college for the very first time, making it a broad category that captures overall growth in incoming students. In contrast, the 31% increase in “advancing success in associate pathways” refers to students who are part of specific support programs—such as ASAP, EOP, veterans, or first-generation initiatives—that provide additional advising, resources, and sometimes financial support to help them succeed. In short, the first group is defined by being new to college, while the second group is defined by participation in structured programs designed to improve student success. Students are made aware of the opportunity to apply for these additional programs after they are accepted. The college provides communications outlining the program, including eligibility requirements and how to apply, in a manner similar to how information is shared with students about the EOP program.

Trustee Tuman asked if there were any other items for the Committee to consider. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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