

Staff Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2025
CC206

In attendance: Tracy Olenick, Sufana Chowdhury, Caroline Hogg, Kelly Wright, Michelle Thompson, Beth Ryan, Lora Barkley, Ebony Bengé

Guest Speaker: President Ron Cole

Kelly opened the meeting with introductions and welcomed President Cole, offering a brief description of the goals of the Staff Advisory Committee.

President Cole presented the goals and the progress made to date, and the trajectory of the Pathway going forward. He stated that **this year's theme is engagement**. His vision of Allegheny is that of a "people first" community – inclusive with an environment of trust and safety - and in doing so, we will create the best possible student experience.

He distributed an infographic with the 2024/2025 progress and information from research about our strengths and weaknesses. The 5 goals of the Pathway grew out of these research findings and were created with the ultimate goal of building a secure future for Allegheny College.

For the Pathway refresh, strategy leaders will be reaching out to governance groups - SAC will be included in this effort.

Referring to goal 2, Gator Gatherings will return to campus, tentatively at the end of this month. Ebony and Kelly are involved with this planning.

Ideas for improving the student experience included better transportation choices for students, partnering with French Creek Conservancy, taking first year students on the loop so they understand how to take advantage of the CATA bus. Ron will forward these suggestions.

We briefly discussed resurrecting Gator Bites in a short and fun format to help new staff feel warmly welcomed into the community.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beth Ryan

SAC Committees:

Finance and Faculties (administrators and staff, 4 year staggered)

Beth Ryan (2025-2029)

Sufana Chowdbury (2024-2028)

CoDE Committee - Council on Diversity and Inclusion 9/3 Kelly will contact Julia Ludewig for more information

Student Enrichment Committee

Sufana Chowdhury

SAC Committee Roles

SAC Chair - Kelly Wright

SAC Co-Chair - Ebony Bengé

Treasurer - Michelle Thompson

Secretary - Beth Ryan

Sub Committees

Activities - Ebony, Michele

Outreach - Beth, Lora

By-Laws - Sufana