Online Learning Advisory Board (OLAC)

**Historical Context:**
An Online Learning Task Force was formed in 2004 by the Provost to provide guidance to the college with respect to its online initiatives. In spring 2006, the Online Learning Task Force transitioned into the Online Learning Advisory Committee (OLAC). The committee consisted of faculty, administrative, and professional staff. In fall 2013, OLAC was reinvigorated by the Provost Office as a faculty-centered committee, charged with providing guidance to the Dean of Academic Support Services and Instructional Technologies on issues related to online learning at the campus and SUNY level.

**The Online Advisory Committee (OLAC)**
The OLAC provides guidance and feedback to the Associate Provost and Dean of Academic Support Services and Instructional Technologies on issues related to online learning and the use of the college’s learning management system (LMS). In turn, this feedback is shared at Dean’s Cabinet. Specifically, the advisory committee will:

- Advocate for faculty needs related to teaching online;
- Serve as a liaison to the greater academic community;
- Promote initiatives that enhance faculty excellence in online and blended learning environments; and
- Provide feedback on Open SUNY requirements and Education Services. (Open SUNY is a partnership with SUNY Campuses to provide support in the areas of online pedagogy, technology, student and faculty support and marketing services.)