Many Voices, One Call

Fall 2025 Institute Week

August 18 - August 22, 2025

Monday, August 18

Time	Event	Location
8:30am - 9:30am	**College-Wide Breakfast**	Van Curler Room
9:30am – 11:15am	**Opening/Welcome** Dr. Steady Moono, President Ann Fleming Brown, Chair, Board of Trustees Introduction by RPA, Executive Search Firm (Presidential Search) **New Faculty and Staff Introductions** Presenter: Paula Ohlhous, Executive Director of Human Resources	Carl B. Taylor Auditorium
11:15am – 12:00pm	**Faculty Listening Session with Executive Search Firm** Presenters: RPA, Presidential Search	STK 101
12:00pm – 1:00pm	**Lunch on Your Own**	
1:00pm – 2:30pm	**Reignite Our "Why": Teaching for Learning (ATD)** **Faculty Retreat** Start the semester with purpose as we reconnect with the "why" behind our teaching and explore strategies that support meaningful learning. In this follow-up to the Spring Faculty Retreat, we'll highlight evidence-based practices, data-informed decisions, and innovative tools that foster student success. Come ready to share one idea, strategy, or shift you're bringing into the semester. Whether it's a bold innovation or a small change with big impact, your insight can inspire others. Let's reignite our "why" and launch the semester with energy and intention!	Learning Commons
2:30pm - 3:45pm	**Steering Committee and Working Groups Meeting for Middle States**	Learning Commons

Tuesday, August 19

Time	Event	Location
9:00am - 10:30am	**Accessibility and Federal Requirements - Faculty Training/Resources** In this applied-learning workshop, faculty will learn to ensure a digitally accessible experience for courses. While this will be in a computer lab, with access to desktops, feel free to bring a laptop. Come prepared to work on the documents that matter most to you and get live help.	STK 203 (faculty)

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	Presenters: Catia Laird de Polanco, Chief Diversity Officer; Megan Hall, Faculty in Liberal Arts; and Dave Wolf, Director of Instructional Design and Online Learning	
9:00am - 10:00am	**Digital Accessibility: Are You Ready? Staff Training** In this session, staff, CSEA, administration, and any other non-teaching faculty will learn about the Americans with Disabilities Act Title II, Digital Accessibility mandate, meet the Digital Accessibility Liaisons, and discover how to access document remediation support throughout the fall semester in preparation for the April 2026 compliance deadline. Presenters: Susanna Adams, Coordinator, ADA Transition Services; Michelle Ragucci, Director of Academic Services; and Daniel Van Buren, Educational Aide.	ELS 240 (staff)
10:30am – 11:45pm	**Roundtable Faculty report out on ITG grant** Gen-AI and our Courses With the help of 3 IITG grants, one-in-three full-time faculty infused Gen-AI in their courses. Last year, our college won three grants for addressing AI in education and preparing our students for this new technology. This roundtable discussion will cover issues of AI in education, offer strategies for promoting AI literacy in courses, and have faculty reveal and reflect on how they infused AI assessments in their classes. Presenters: Keion Clinton, Faculty in MSTH; Dr. Babette Faehmel, Faculty in Liberal Arts; Dan Holz, Faculty in MSTH; Dr. Lorena Harris, Faculty in MSTH; Carol Maimone, Faculty in MSTH; Michael Niccoli, Faculty in HCAT; Kim Otis, Faculty in HCAT; and David Wolf, Director of Instructional Design and Online Learning	STK 101
12:00pm – 4:00pm	**New Student Orientation**	
4:30pm - 6:30pm	**Adjunct Orientation** Topics include Starfish, Brightspace, Student Success, general SUNY Schenectady guidelines, a discussion of SEIU policies, and divisional breakout sessions. Presenters: Division/School Deans	STK 101/ Teams

Wednesday, August 20

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9:00am – 10:00am	**UFP Meeting**	TBD
10:00am - 10:45am	**General Education Program Update** This session offers an understanding and update to the SUNY Schenectady General Education program vs the SUNY System General Education requirements. This also leads to an understanding of Program learning Outcomes and how they can differ from Program Goals. Presenter: Dr. Tim Konhaus, Dean of Liberal Arts	STK 101
11:00am - 11:45am	**Faculty Opportunities: OER/Lumen Grant Repor**t Members of the Mathematics faculty applied for and were granted a $40,000 grant in Spring 2023 to implement the use of Open Educational Resources in many of our courses. They explored using online assessments through Lumen Learning and revised their courses. This session will present the results of that grant work, and can encourage faculty to apply for such grants, where they can receive payment for course review work they may already be doing. Presenter: Dan Holz , Faculty in MSTH	ELS 240
12:00pm – 4:00pm	**New Student Orientation**	
5:00pm – 6:00pm	**Adult Learner New Student Orientation**	STK 101

Thursday, August 21

Time	Event	Location
9:00am – 10:00am	**Grant Oversight Session** Anyone who supervises a grant will benefit from this review of the process and required planning for working with payroll and Human Resources, with respect to grants. Presenters: Tanya Scime, Director of Human Resources and Amiee Warfield, Controller	STK 101

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10:00am – 11:00am	**Teaching and Learning: Where We Are and What's Next** Join us for an interactive session that continues our conversation on the efforts to elevate teaching and learning. We'll provide updates on all of the ATD efforts last year, highlight progress, and discuss next steps in our collective efforts to elevate teaching and learning at SUNY Schenectady. Presenters: Jessica Gilbert, Dean of Learner Support; Cayla Gaworecki, Faculty in MSTH; and Jacquie Keleher, Director of Library Services	Learning Commons
11:00am – 12:00pm	**ATD and Data** In this session, we will present the findings from the Faculty Data Survey and share actionable strategies that instructors can implement early in the semester to support student success. The presentation will include practical guidance on using Brightspace and Starfish analytics effectively. We will also demonstrate how the data dashboard that is already available can be used to inform and enhance instructional practices. Additionally, we will introduce a proposed schedule of future "Lunch and Learn" sessions led by faculty and outline plans to begin providing grade distribution reports starting in the fall. Presenters: Yvonne Goldman, Academic Advisor and Mary Silvestri, Director of Admissions and Matriculated Enrollment	Learning Commons
12:00pm – 1:00pm	**Lunch on Your Own**	
1:00pm – 2:15pm	**Program Reviews: 2024-25 Reporting** Hear from faculty who recently conducted program reviews to learn program review outcomes and findings. It is also a chance for those conducting APRs to ask questions about the process and determine best practices in the APR process. Library Services Hotel and Restuarant Management Cybersecurity/Computer Networking Nutrition Science: Biology Math/Science	ELS 240
2:30pm – 3:30pm	**Division/School Meetings**	SoM: M215 HCAT: E100 LA: E130 MSTH: E240

Friday, August 22

Time	Event	Location
9:00am - 10:00am	**Reducing Stress with Self Care Workshop** Presenters: EAP and Human Resources	STK 101
11:00am – 12:00pm	**Employee Service Awards** Presenter: Paula Ohlhous, Executive Director of Human Resources	Taylor Auditorium
12:00pm – 1:15pm	**Campus-Wide Lunch**	
1:15pm - 2:00pm	**New Faculty Orientation** The VPAA will review guidelines, policies, and standard practices for new faculty as they begin their first full year. Presenter: Dr. Mark Meachem, Vice President of Academic Affairs	ELS 301
1:15pm – 2:00pm	**Meeting of Standing Committee Chairs and Secretaries** Presenter: Rae Doyle, Academic Senate Chair & Professor Communication	ELS 240
2:00pm – 3:00pm	**Standing Committee Meetings:** • Academic Policies Committee • Curriculum Committee • Professional Policies, Nominations and Awards Committee • Community and Cultural Events Committee • Student Affairs Committee	ELS 240 ELS 245 ELS 301 ELS 100 STK 102