



WAUBONSEE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Community College District 516

**Decennial Committee on
Local Government Efficiency
Final Report**

Our Mission

Waubonsee Community College provides exceptional learning through accessible, equitable, and innovative education. We are committed to enriching the lives of our students, employees, and community by working together to create opportunities to discover new passions, share knowledge, and embrace diversity.

Our Vision

Waubonsee Community College opens the door of knowledge, sparks imaginations, and enlightens lives through learning. We welcome the diverse abilities, goals, and experiences of individuals standing on the threshold of discovery. Our success is defined by the dreams we help shape, the opportunities we help design, and the futures we help create.

Our Values

Quality:

We constantly redefine what it means to be “the best,” seeking to improve in every area and exceed the expectations of those we serve.

Value:

We focus every resource directly on the search for learning, creating tangible benefits in everything we do.

Innovation:

We are actively engaged on the frontiers of education, continuously improving the learning environment for our students and communities.

Service:

We view the world from the perspective of those we serve, anticipating needs and striving to exceed expectations while demonstrating a caring, knowledgeable, consistent connection with each individual every time they meet us.

Accessibility:

We remove barriers to learning formed by time, geography, education, culture, experience or beliefs to provide a full range of quality educational opportunities for all who can benefit.

Our Programs and Services

Transfer Programs:

Associate degree education consisting of communications, social and behavioral sciences, physical and life sciences, mathematics, humanities and arts, education, engineering, and other pre-professional fields designed to prepare students for transfer to baccalaureate degree-granting institutions.

Sugar Grove

Route 47 at Waubonsee Drive
Sugar Grove, IL 60554
(630) 466-7900

Aurora Downtown

18 S. River St.
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 801-7900

Aurora Fox Valley

2060 Ogden Ave.
Aurora, IL 60504
(630) 585-7900

Plano

100 Waubonsee Drive
Plano, IL 60545
(630) 552-7900

Workforce Education:

Business, health care, technical and professional education programming designed for entry-level employment, retraining, and/or upgrading of skills to meet current and emerging employment needs and trends. Education and training opportunities include courses, programs, and contract training designed to meet the workplace needs of both individuals and organizations with an emphasis on skill building and improved productivity.

Pre-College Programs:

Courses, programs and services designed to assist academically underprepared students to be successful in the next level of education, including reading, mathematics, writing, college success, high school equivalency exam preparation (HSE), General Education Diploma (GED), Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English Language Acquisition (ELA)/English as a Second Language (ESL).

Student Services:

Services designed to meet the holistic development of all students including counseling, advising, transfer planning, admissions, registration and records, assessment, financial aid, scholarships, career development, student life programming, intercollegiate athletics and assistance for students with disabilities.

Decennial Committee

In compliance with the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act (Public Act 102-1088), Waubensee Community College established a Decennial Committee to “study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the county board in which the governmental unit is located.” The College is submitting this final report to the county boards in Community College District 516: Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, LaSalle, and Will.

Committee Members

- Dr. Brian Knetl, Decennial Committee Chair and President of Waubensee Community College
- Rebecca Oliver, Board Chair
- Patrick Kelsey, Board Vice Chair
- Greg Thomas, Board Secretary
- Rick Guzman, Trustee
- Daniel Jaquez, Trustee
- Stacey Ries, Trustee
- Tina Willson, Trustee
- Ashley Hatcher, Student Trustee
- John Bryant, Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration, Waubensee Community College
- Mike Rennels, Community Resident
- Jim Ratos, Community Resident

Meeting Dates

- The Decennial Committee met three times in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Public comment was allowed at each meeting, and residents were surveyed afterwards, via email, asking for their input on matters discussed at the meeting.
 - May 17, 2023
 - Decennial Committee formed
 - Proposed the charge of the committee: study and report on board policies, including but not limited to, external partnerships and intergovernmental agreements
 - Discussed dates for future committee meetings
 - November 13, 2024
 - Committee membership updated due to change in Board of Trustees and college staffing
 - Discussion topic: board policies and procedures related to the use of college facilities and services, with a focus on use by external organizations
 - November 20, 2024
 - The Decennial Committee reviewed, discussed, and approved the report

Data Reviewed by the Decennial Committee

- Current board policies related to the use of college facilities and services
- Current college procedures and processes related to the use of college facilities and services

Findings/Recommendations

The following recommendations are offered by the Decennial Committee for consideration by the Board and Board Policy Committee, the College Administration, and offices responsible for reviewing, developing and implementing policies and procedures related to the use of Waubonsee Community College facilities and services by external partners. The recommendations should be taken under advisement as policies and procedures are revised or developed for use of college facilities and services:

- Connect and align all policies to applicable standards and procedures for decision-making and implementation.
- Develop categories of groups and events that will provide transparency and assist with decision-making on how the College will approach requests for the use of college facilities and services.
- Adopt a more inviting approach to making facilities and services available to groups and events with existing or pending strategic partnerships.
- Develop a fee structure that is clear and may differentiate costs based on strategic partnerships between the College and requesting parties.
- Develop a process that will provide guidance for determining how facility and service requests are prioritized.
- Develop criteria for what types of behaviors and activities may be prohibited based on codes, laws, and potential harm to the College.
- Craft a statement (a “preamble” or “purpose statement”) for the policy which expresses the College’s desire to serve the community but also balances respect for expression with the business and mission of the College.

These recommendations will be shared with the committees and persons involved in the review, revision, and development of policies and procedures. There was consensus among the group that

there will be value in addressing these policies and procedures in a timely manner. All policies and procedures revised or developed will comply with all federal, state, local laws and ordinances.

Dissolution of the Committee

After the report is submitted to the county boards, the Decennial Committee is dissolved. However, the Act requires Waubonsee Community College to appoint a new committee and repeat the process every ten years.

Approved on November 20, 2024



Dr. Brian Knetl
Decennial Committee Chair
President, Waubonsee Community College