Open SUNY

- Provides, encourages and leverages:
  - New online courses
  - New targeted degree programs differentiated by
    - Experiential learning opportunities
    - Utilization of Prior Learning Assessment
    - Utilization of MOOCs or other approved learning
  - Improved avenues for degree completion and time to degree
  - Open Education Resources for instruction
  - Comprehensive student and faculty support services
  - Knowledge and expertise of SUNY faculty and campuses already invested in online learning.
Open SUNY – Board of Trustees

- Board of Trustees unanimously passed the Open SUNY Resolution on March 19, 2013
  - Empowers the Provost to begin implementation of Open SUNY
    - “in broad consultation with University constituencies, including campus leadership, the University Faculty Senate, the Faculty Council of Community Colleges, and the Student Assembly.”
Activities Underway

• A new Advisory/Steering team is being considered. It would include representatives from the Faculty Senate, Faculty Council of Community Colleges, Academic Vice Presidents, and others.

• Through a formal RFP process, we are contracting with a consulting firm to assist with development of the implementation, communication and financial plans.

• Empire State College has a Lumina grant to model PLA.

• Modest funding has been provided to Empire State College to begin the Degree Completion component.

• Former Canton President Joe Kennedy is working with faculty from three campuses to create new IT degrees that share a common core set of courses.

• In coordination with one of our campuses, we are in conversations with a MOOC platform provider that will allow for both delivery and consumption of MOOCs.

• SUNY Learning Commons is in soft roll out, it will be released in production along with the new SUNY.EDU website in January 2014.
Activities Underway

• An Open SUNY “placeholder” website is in place and plans are underway for a production environment to meet the needs of prospective online students.

• We are developing a service to facilitate campuses through an institutional readiness activity to increase awareness of the supports and services necessary for successful online programs.

• We are in discussion with a variety of technology and service providers to better understand how we can make the student experience as rich and supportive as possible.

• The SUNY Learning Network, Center for Professional Development and the Office of Library Services are realigning to support the initiative.

• We are in discussions with the library community to take an active lead in a content initiative similar to Cal State’s Affordable Learning Solution’s.

• The SLN Advisory Council will be developing specifications for contractual services to address online student verification and proctoring.
Related Activities

• Innovative Instruction Technology Grants entering second year of funding
  – Next year there will likely be targeted grants to assist in the development of Open SUNY

• FACT2 Task Groups looking at
  – Learning Analytics
  – Technology and developmental education
  – E-Portfolios

• Conference on Instruction and Technology
  – SUNY Institute of Technology, May 21-24
Discussion