



CNSE Transfer Update

Sent on Behalf of the Office of the President

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To SUNY Poly Faculty, Staff, and Students:

I am writing to provide our SUNY Poly community a number of updates related to the transfer of the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) to the University at Albany.

Here is some of the progress we can share with you as of today:

- We are communicating regularly with students at CNSE and working hard to make the transfer process as seamless as possible. For example, with the permission of new CNSE students, we released application and related application materials to UAlbany's Office of Undergraduate Admissions and UAlbany's Graduate School. We will continue to communicate and keep new and continuing students on track for the start of the Fall 2023 semester.
- The transfer of CNSE's academic programs to UAlbany have been reviewed and approved by the New York State Department of Education (NYSED), Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and ABET. The transfer is pending final approval by SUNY.
- We also anticipate the transfer of faculty and staff based at CNSE to take place in the next month. Those impacted will receive information on the transfer shortly. At the same time, we are planning to ensure there will be no disruption to the operational management of SUNY Poly's campus in Utica.

I am grateful for the tireless efforts so many of our faculty and staff at both campuses have undertaken to get us to this point, and I am confident that we will complete the work ahead to fully enact the CNSE transfer. These efforts will enable the transfer to take place in time for the Fall semester, which will facilitate a more seamless experience—especially for students.

I also want to share a related update message from the University at Albany to its community, which provides additional details about the transfer: CNSE will be renamed the College of Nanotechnology, Science, and Engineering (CNSE), to be led by Dean Michele Grimm, with Dr. André Melendez, currently the Interim Dean of CNSE, becoming chair of the new Department of Nanoscale Science and Engineering. You may find the [letter](#) and other [related information and recent updates on the dedicated CNSE-UAlbany transfer resource webpage](#). Please continue to monitor this webpage for updates.

I would also like to take a moment to thank our colleagues at the University at Albany. I extend my gratitude to President Havidán Rodríguez for his leadership contributing to a collaborative atmosphere that will help us to effectively transfer CNSE in a timely manner.



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Finally, I note that the [resolution approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees in December 2022](#) not only initiated the process to transfer CNSE to UAlbany, it also simultaneously spelled out a vision for the empowerment of and investment in SUNY Poly's successful programs in Utica. We have been steadfastly focused on ensuring the success of both, and are excited about SUNY Poly's reinvigorated future in the Mohawk Valley. Our community is working hard to bring the vision of SUNY Polytechnic Institute as the premier public polytechnic to fruition, and I look forward to providing additional updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

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