

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 9, 2021**  
**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Via Microsoft Teams and in-person in Whitney 210**  
**Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair**

**Trustees:** Jaime Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Catherine Hadden; Tara Owens; John Sindoni; Neil Strodel; Mark Tryniski

**Staff:** Jenna Alexander; Dr. Casey Crabill; Kathy D'Aprix; Anne DeLand; Karen Fabrizio; Maureen Fellows; Justin Fiene; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Dr. Melissa Hicks; Linda Kelley; Amy Kremenek; Chris Kukenberger; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Pam Mullan; Ryan Nellenback; Michael O'Connor; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Anne Marie Smith; Timothy Stedman; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Fantasia Thorne-Ortiz; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Susan Tormey; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Steffani Williams

**Call to Order**

At 9:35 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the board meeting to order.

**Consent Agenda**

**\*On motion by Trustee Alicea, and seconded by Trustee Strodel, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.**

**Chair's Report**

**\*Deferred Compensation for Dr. Crabill**

**Trustee Sindoni noted that this item was being deferred until the January 25, 2022 board meeting.**

**\*Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Joseph Logiudice as Director of the Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation**

**On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Hadden, the resolution to approve the appointment of Joseph Logiudice as Director of the Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation was unanimously approved.**

**Presidential Search Update**

Trustee Sindoni provided an update on the search for the new President of Onondaga Community College. He mentioned that there was an initial meeting of the committee on November 1 which included remarks from the SUNY Chancellor. The posting for the position will be available soon with applications being accepted until the beginning of December. More information will be available at the January meeting.

**President's Report**

**LSAMP/CSTEP Science Symposium**

Dr. Crabill began her report by introducing Dr. Melissa Hicks, Director, LSAMP. Dr. Hicks provided an overview of the LSAMP/CSTEP Science Symposium that was held on the campus

earlier this year. It was an opportunity for students who held summer internships/research opportunities to showcase the work they were involved in and research they completed. The hope is for this symposium to be done yearly.

#### SUNY Updates

Dr. Crabill continued her report with a SUNY update. She began with a review of the current budget implications and the ask for a permanent funding floor. There is hope our elected officials will commit to a multi-year approach with funding as this is a much more sustainable and predictable means to approach our budget each year. New York State is taking the lead on workforce development initiatives and is looking to SUNY for assistance. OCC will be waiting to see how we can be involved in these important conversations.

#### Vaccine Mandate Implementation

Dr. Crabill mentioned that the vaccine mandate has been fully implemented on campus and monthly testing continues. Any student who received a medical or religious exemption has to test weekly. The endorsement from both the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association was appreciated and we continue to work on campus-wide compliance with masking.

OCC will be celebrating our December graduates with an actual ceremony on December 16 including regalia, bagpipes, etc. We anticipate roughly 200 students to participate and bring their families to watch this important occasion. This event should help reduce the number of students who are attending the May ceremony as well.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee

No report at this time.

##### Education Committee

No report at this time.

##### OCC Foundation

Trustee Sindoni introduced Trustee Strodel to provide an update on the OCC Foundation. Trustee Strodel explained that a priority this fall has been a review of all of the OCC Foundation Board policies. Board Chair Mary Snyder, Immediate Past Chair Jim Seeley, and Amy Kremenek, Acting Executive Director, have completed the preliminary review of all existing policies for consistency, alignment with college policies, and best practices for college foundations. The updated policies will be presented to the full OCC Foundation Board for approval at the December 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The 1<sup>st</sup> annual “OCC Cruise & Views” on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> was a big success. Approximately 200 cars participated, in addition to a food truck and a live remote with The Dinosaur radio. This event raised more than more than \$14,000 for OCC and our students. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event has already been scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to OCC’s newest Alumni Faces honorees: Lisa GreenMills, Lanessa Owens-Chaplin, Carolyn Hastings, Karinda Shaynes, Glenn LaPoint, Michael Speech, and Michelle Morley. The honorees also visited with OCC students during the day and were hosted by Dr. Crabill and students at a special luncheon. The new honorees’ Alumni Faces plaques have been installed in Academic II. Finally, the OCC Foundation Board

Nominating & Development Committee, chaired by Dr. Juhanna Rogers, has begun its work to create the slate of new foundation directors for 2021-22. Board members serve two, 3-year terms, and there are currently up to five (5) positions to be filled as rotations occur. If you have any suggestions for individuals to serve on the OCC Foundation Board, please provide to me or to Amy Kremenek. We thank you for your consideration and suggestions.

Student Government Update

Trustee Sindoni introduced Trustee Hadden to provide an update on Student Government. Trustee Hadden explained that the SGA recently approved a resolution in support of the College’s mask mandate and are looking at ways in which they can encourage compliance through positive reinforcement. There are positions available in SGA and recruiting is ongoing. SGA was able to increase the number of in-person activities on campus for the fall semester. They are also helping to host a number of activities for spring semester as well. Clubs are starting to increase their activity and there are currently 17 total that are either active, bring reinstated, or under review. Phi Theta Kappa hosts their induction ceremony tonight, in person, in Storer Auditorium. PTK is also working on mental health packages for local elementary schools and is hosting a Human Library – Living with a Disability – on November 17.

There being no further business, Trustee Sindoni adjourned the board meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:

John Sindoni  
Chair, Board of Trustees