

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**  
**9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Whitney 210**  
**Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair**

**Trustees:** Jaime Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Dr. Daryll Dykes (teleconference); Paul Mello; Melanie Littlejohn; Tara Owens; Chaiya Renfroe; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

**Staff:** Dr. Agatha Awuah; Michael Borsz; Kathy D'Aprix; Derrick Carr; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Lisa Hoff; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Michael O'Connor; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Olin Stratton; Dr. Sean Vormwald; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Monifa Wilcox; Dr. Eunice Williams

**Guests:** Karizma Brathwaite; Bryn Whitman

**Call to Order**

At 9:40 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the board meeting to order.

**Swearing-in of Student Trustee Chaiya Renfroe**

Trustee Sindoni facilitated the swearing-in of Student Trustee Chaiya Renfroe and welcomed her to the Board of Trustees.

**\*Resolution to Congratulate Karizma Brathwaite and Bryn Whitman – National Champions in Track & Field**

**On motion by Trustee Owens, and seconded by Trustee Alicea, the resolution to congratulate Karizma Brathwaite and Bryn Whitman – National Champions in Track and Field – was unanimously approved.**

**Committee Reports**

**Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee**

No additional report at this time.

**Education Committee**

No additional report at this time.

**Student Government Update**

No report at this time.

**OCC Foundation**

Trustee Sindoni introduced Kathy D'Aprix, Director, OCC Foundation, to provide her report. Ms. D'Aprix began by stating that there are two current vacancies in the Foundation offices with the departure of Steffani Williams and Megan Detor. The Cruise and Views car show was a success, and we can expect the raffle for the Automotive Technologies truck to take place in 2024. Alumni Faces is scheduled for October 18, and we have a current appeal in place for former Alumni Faces recipients. Current gifts include donations from Key Bank, Wegmans, Syracuse Mets, and Micron. Ms. D'Aprix mentioned that scholarship demand is up, and we are

currently serving 557 students at \$490,645.50. Last year we spent \$569,216 for the entire academic year so demand is increasing. The Foundation is actively researching a capital campaign and consultant for the same and Ms. D'Aprix reminded Trustees of the Board of Trustees/OCC Foundation Board social event scheduled for November 9.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

### **Presidential Updates**

#### **Student Success Challenge**

Dr. Hilton explained that the Student Success Challenge is replacing the Strategic Initiative Projects from last year and includes a more cross-campus approach to working on closing the achievement gap for our unrepresented students. They will be tracked through our Student Success Council with regular reports back to the Executive Team throughout the year.

#### **Policy B21: Student Success**

Dr. Hilton mentioned that attached is a draft of a new student success policy. Please provide any feedback as we will be sharing it through the governance channels on campus. This will come back to the Trustees for final approval through the regular College Policy Manual review in the spring.

#### **OCC Strategic Plan 2023-2028**

Dr. Hilton introduced Dr. Sean Vormwald and Professor Lisa Hoff, Co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Task Force, to provide an update on the process to-date. After review, Trustees were told that the final version would be emailed and would require their review and subsequent approval at the November 28, 2023 meeting.

#### **Presidential Priorities 2023-2024**

Dr. Hilton mentioned that his priorities for the new academic year have been developed and are enclosed. Any suggestions on them should be provided as soon as possible.

#### **October 18 & 19 Events**

Dr. Hilton concluded his report by saying that he hopes Trustees can join us for the upcoming Alumni Faces event on 10/18 and then for the Micron unveiling event on 10/19. Invitations have been emailed and mailed for both events.

### **Chair's Report**

#### **Committee Appointments – Finance, Audit & Compliance and Education**

Trustee Sindoni noted that at this time each year, he appoints Chairs for the Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee as well as the Education Committee. He has asked Trustee Mark Tryniski to chair the Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee and Trustee Jaime Alicea to Chair the Education Committee. He offered his thanks to both for their continued service.

#### **NYCCT Conference**

Trustee Sindoni reminded Trustees of the upcoming NYCCT Conference on November 3 & 4 in Saratoga Springs. We have two nominees receiving awards this year: Jasenko Mondom and Meg O'Connell. If anyone is interested in attending, please reach out to Julie Hart as soon as possible.

November 9 Joint OCC and OCC Foundation Social

We have confirmed the date of November 9 for the joint social between the OCC Board of Trustee and the OCC Foundation Board of Directors. More information will be available soon.

**Executive Session**

At 10:45 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called for a motion to enter into Executive Session under the provisions of Section 105, Article 7f of the Public Officers Law to discuss personnel matters. **On motion by Dr. DeSiato and seconded by Trustee Owens, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session.**

At 11:00 a.m., **on motion by Trustee Tryniski and seconded by Trustee Alicea, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to move out of Executive Session and return to the board meeting.**

**\*Approval of a Contract Amendment for President Warren Hilton, Ed.D.**

**On motion by Dr. DeSiato, and seconded by Trustee Littlejohn, the approval of a contract amendment for President Warren Hilton, Ed.D., was unanimously approved.**

There being no further business, Trustee Sindoni adjourned the board meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Prepared by:  
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Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:  
John Sindoni  
Chair, Board of Trustees