

Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair

Trustees: Jaime Alicea; Hannah Durand; Melanie Littlejohn; Paul Mello; Tara Owens; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski;

Staff: Stephanie Aldrich; Dr. Agatha Awuah; Kathy D'Aprix; Anne DeLand; David Furney; Julie Hart; Dr. Warren Hilton; Linda Kelley; Michael O'Connor; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Anne Marie Smith; Timothy Stedman; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Sue Tormey; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Sean Vormwald; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Steffani Williams

Call to Order

At 9:25 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the board meeting to order.

Swearing-in of Student Trustee Hannah Durand

Trustee Sindoni facilitated the swearing-in of Student Trustee Hannah Durand and introduced her to the audience and remaining Trustees.

Consent Agenda

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

Chair's Report

Committee Chair Appointments

Trustee Sindoni explained that it is his responsibility to appoint committee chairs at the first meeting of the new academic year. He asked that Trustee Jaime Alicea continue as chair the Education Committee and Trustee Mark Tryniski continue as chair of the Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee. He thanked them both for their service. Trustee Sindoni also encouraged interested Trustees to think about serving as a representative to one of the affiliate organizations, including the OCC Foundation and OCC Association. If anyone would like to serve, please let Julie Hart know.

President's Report

***Resolution to determine professional service: Professional Administrators Position Titles**

On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Littlejohn, the resolution to determine professional service: Professional Administrators Position Titles, was unanimously approved.

***Resolution to determine professional service: Management Confidential Position Titles**

On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Littlejohn, the resolution to determine professional service: Management Confidential Position Titles, was unanimously approved.

SUNY Updates

Dr. Hilton provided updates from SUNY. He explained that he will be attending a new president orientation on September 28 at SUNY System offices. The Community Colleges are still engaged in monthly meetings with the Interim Chancellor with advocacy work this year centering around the Floor+4=Restore. Funding levels need to sustain community colleges and they currently aren't doing that. SUNY has hired someone to assist with enrollment, specifically in developing solutions that can lift enrollment across SUNY. One example of this is a system in place for students who are denied admission to SUNY four-year institutions to be connected to SUNY Community Colleges, as well as creating a pipeline for students from OCC to the four-year colleges.

NYCCT Conference

Dr. Hilton commented that it was a pleasure to attend the NYCCT Conference last weekend and watch alums Hassina Adams and Dr. Daryll Dykes be recognized for their contributions beyond SUNY.

Strategic Plan

Dr. Hilton continued with an update on the Strategic Plan. He explained that work has begun on the College's new strategic plan. He has established a Task Force with Dr. Sean Vormwald and Professor Lisa Hoff co-chairing. The College will be sending out a bid for a consultant to assist with the process, keeping on track to complete the plan before the beginning of the next academic year. It is a robust process with a short timeline, so a consultant will help immensely with that. Updates will be provided at each board meeting.

Presidential Priorities

Dr. Hilton commented that in the Trustee meeting materials was a list of his priorities for the next academic year. He asked that Trustees reach out to him with any concerns or comments. He will work with Chair Sindoni to finalize the list and report back on his progress throughout the academic year.

Committee Reports

Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee

No additional report at this time.

Education Committee

No additional report at this time.

Student Government Update

Trustee Durand began with an update on events taking place on campus. She explained that work continues on club development and the College is seeing increased student interaction post-Covid. Many events are planned for the remainder of the semester.

OCC Foundation

Trustee Sindoni introduced Kathy D'Aprix, Director, for the OCC Foundation report. Ms. D'Aprix began by stating that the Foundation had their last meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 and a report was provided to the Board of Trustees at the June 28 meeting. Since that meeting, the Foundation has been busy.

- Immediately following the June 28 meeting, there was a small ceremony held to officially name Crabill Commons in recognition of Dr. Casey Crabill's service to the community. This would not to have been possible without the support of Mark Tryniski and a considerable gift from Community Bank (\$100,000).
- Our first opportunity to welcome Dr. Hilton to OCC came on July 22 while the TBT tournament was taking place at the SRC Arena. Donors and friends of OCC were invited for a chance to meet Dr. Hilton and attend our pre-game tailgate party, with tickets to the Boenheim's Army game after the reception.
- Just this past Saturday, September 24, the OCC Foundation presented the 2nd Annual Cruise & Views car show fundraiser. Nearly 150 show vehicles were registered, and their owners proudly displayed their cars in the Arena parking lot and in the lot behind Whitney. There were several demonstrations in the Auto lab, including competitions between students, and the School of Computing and Applied Technology ran demonstrations and promoted their programs throughout the event in the Whitney Atrium. We raised over \$22,000 between sponsorships and on-site donations. (\$19,500-sponsorships; \$2,510-on-site and advance donations).
- The OCC Foundation has worked closely with Financial Aid to continue to improve the student experience when searching for scholarships and opportunities to find help in paying for college. This year, 333 applications have already been submitted while last year a total of 359 were submitted for the entire year.
- The Foundation financials are in draft form and in the process of being closed for the 8/31 year-end. Drafts indicate total contribution revenue of about \$1.6M, about \$200,000 under budget and an investment loss of approximately \$2.3M. Total program expenses are estimated at \$803,000, which is under budget by about \$300,000. This is largely a result of additional funding that was available to students through other means (CARES Act, etc). Fundraising expenses are under budget and management expenses are in line with expectations. The Net Deficit for the foundation at this time is approximately \$1.8M, driven by market volatility and investment unrealized losses. This results in total net assets of \$20.4M as of August 31st. Since the report provided to the OCC Foundation Board, the Foundation has been notified of a \$100,000 grant from the ACTC Foundation for The Cutler Award for Student Success in Criminal Justice, a \$10,000 grant from Bank of America to support healthcare programs, \$40,000 from the CNY Community Foundation for the OCC Advantage Program, and \$9,500 for the assessment of the OCC Advantage Program.

This year's honorees for Alumni Faces will be celebrated on October 6th and Dennis Hebert, class of 1967 and Director Emeritus, along with his wife Judith, have been selected as the Association of Fundraising Professionals 2022 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraisers and will be honored at a ceremony on Tuesday, November 15th, 2022. Russ Corbin has joined the Foundation as Director of Alumni Relations and Community Connections to the original team of Steffani Williams, Director of Development and Annual Giving, and Anne Marie Smith, Director of Advancement Services.

There being no further business, Trustee Sindoni adjourned the board meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Submitted by:

John Sindoni
Chair, Board of Trustees