

**Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 2, 2025
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee Mark Tryniski, Chair**

Trustees: Haji Adan (virtual); Jaime Alicea (virtual); Dr. Donna DeSiato; William Gilberti; Paul Mello; Alicia Oberlender; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Dr. Agatha Awuah; Anne DeLand; David Furney; Julie Hart; Dr. Warren Hilton; Linda Kelley; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Louis Noce; Michael O'Connor; Jeff Peckins; Justin Pritchard; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Olin Stratton; Sue Tormey; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Larry Weiskirch

Call to Order

At 8:01 a.m., Trustee Tryniski called the Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee meeting to order.

Recommendation of the December 3, 2024 Finance, Audit & Compliance Meeting Minutes
On motion by Trustee Sindoni and seconded by Trustee Alicea, the December 3, 2024 Finance, Audit & Compliance meeting minutes were unanimously recommended.

New Business

Clery Act & Fire Statistics

Trustee Tryniski introduced Mark Manning, Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer who introduced Jeff Peckins, Director, Campus Safety & Security, to provide his yearly update on the Clery Act and Fire Statistics. Mr. Peckins began with an overview of the Clery Act and current OCC prevention programs in place. He then reviewed Clery reportable criminal offenses and how many were reported on the OCC campus from 2021 to 2023. Mr. Peckins then reviewed the Clery reportable bias related criminal offenses and how many were reported on the OCC campus from 2021 to 2023. Fire statistics were next in the report and included the number of fire drills, actual fires, and New York State fire inspection violations on campus from 2021 to 2024.

Old Business

Capital Project Update

Mr. Manning continued his report with an update on capital projects. He explained that there is one more round of capital requests to bring before Onondaga County and these include maintenance and enhancement items such as interior finish, information technology, and the Gordon Student Center. This last round of projects is expected to come in at \$28,750,000 and will be split between the County and State. We are hoping for County approval in summer of 2025 with State approval in April 2026.

New Business

Year-to-Date February 2025 Financials

Mr. Manning continued his report with year-to-date February 2025 revenue. He explained that fall full-time headcount is up as is part-time credit hours, noting that the budget assumed a 2% increase and we are up 2.7%. Winter credit hours were down 5.4% while spring full-time and

part-time headcounts are up 3% - up 1% over budget. Summer credit hours are currently flat. College for Living is up due to an increase in the Medicaid rates and business workforce development is down. Fees are up as this correlates with slightly higher fall and spring enrollment. County chargebacks are down as the rate decreased from \$4,650 to \$3,610 per FTE. Interest and rental income are up with event revenue down due to timing. Sale of equipment is up as is affiliate recoveries while grant indirects, prior-year refunds, miscellaneous offsets and federal work study are all down. Two State aid and County payments have been made. Currently, we are at 65.14% of the approved budget compared to 67.01% as this time last year. Mr. Manning continued his report with expenses. He explained that all categories are showing increases, with the largest in salaries and wages which are due to the bonus payments and salary increases made due to the contract. There were increases to health insurance as well as retiree health expenses. We did not budget for the contractual increases at 5% (we had budgeted for 3%) or for the one-time incentives paid to employees.

2025-26 College Budget Preliminary Revenue

Mr. Manning continued his report with an overview of the 2025-26 budget. He explained that they are looking at the following assumptions: Enrollment – full-time up slightly and part-time flat; Tuition Rate: currently holding flat pending state budget and finalization of college expense budget; Student Fees: hold flat; Sponsor Contribution Share: increase \$400,000; Base State Aid Amount: funding floor at 2021-22 levels; and Chargeback Rate – decrease. Mr. Manning then reviewed enrollment trends and assumptions for both full-time headcount and part-time credit hours, tuition rate trends for both full-time and part-time, and provided a comparison of OCC's tuition and fees compared to other SUNY community colleges. OCC ranks 19th in full-time tuition costs and 24th when combining tuition and fees. As a reminder, we always like to be cognizant of the maximum New York State TAP rate of \$5,665 when considering tuition increases. Mr. Manning then reviewed base state aid history and assumptions, noting that if the funding floor is not in place, the state aid allocation will be \$3.6 million lower. He then reviewed the sponsor contribution assumptions and a budgeted revenue comparison for the current budget year and for 2025-26.

There being no further business, Trustee Tryniski adjourned the Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Prepared by:

Julie Hart
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:

Mark Tryniski, Chair
Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee