

Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 3, 2024
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair

Trustees: Jaime Alicea; Kathryn Crockett; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Melanie Littlejohn; Paul Mello; Alicia Oberlender; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Dr. Agatha Awuah; Reginald Braggs; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Dr. Warren Hilton; Kelly Larrivey; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Louis Noce; Michael O'Connor; Olin Stratton; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Monifa Wilcox; Dr. Eunice Williams

Call to Order

At 9:12 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the board meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

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

Chair's Report

***Resolution to approve the appointment of Amber Brink and Virginia Russell as Directors of the Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation**

On motion by Trustee Alicea, and seconded by Trustee Littlejohn, the resolution to approve the appointment of Amber Brink and Virginia Russell as Directors of the Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation was unanimously approved.

***Resolution to determine Professional Service Titles: Management Confidential**

On motion by Trustee Tryniski, and seconded by Trustee Alicea, the resolution to determine Professional Service Titles: Management Confidential, was unanimously approved.

***Resolution to determine Professional Service Title: Professional Administrator**

On motion by Trustee Tryniski, and seconded by Trustee Alicea, the resolution to determine Professional Service Titles: Professional Administrator, was unanimously approved.

NYCCT Conference

Trustee Sindoni introduced Trustee Crockett to provide an overview of her recent attendance at the NYCCT Conference in Saratoga Springs and the topics that were covered.

***Resolution to approve Trustee Emeritus status for Melanie Littlejohn**

On motion by Trustee Alicea, and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution to approve Trustee Emeritus status for Melanie Littlejohn was unanimously approved.

President's Report

SUNY Updates

Trustee Sindoni introduced Dr. Warren Hilton, President, to provide his report. Dr. Hilton began with a SUNY update. He explained that SUNY is promising a \$200 million investment for a digital transformation to better support students, faculty and staff, and campuses in three areas: student and business applications development, data integration and analytics, and cybersecurity and backbone infrastructure. Their work continues with Digital Academic Support Solutions and a Digital Backpack and we expect a Non-Credit Student Information System to launch in January or February 2025.

Enrollment Update

Dr. Hilton continued his report by introducing Sarah Gaffney, Vice President, Enrollment Management, to provide an update on enrollment. Ms. Gaffney began by showing the increase we are seeing from spring 2023 to spring 2024 in headcount. She then reviewed some new student enrollment efforts such as work with community organizations, the use of Motomatic, and the work of the admission specialists towards specific populations of students. Ms. Gaffney then reviewed marketing efforts which include radio ads, debt messaging, and the fall open house campaign. She then provided an overview of how the above-mentioned actions are helping to achieve the goals set forth in the Strategic Enrollment Master Plan.

Student Success Update

Dr. Hilton continued his report by stating that continuing student enrollment rates are up but our retention rates are also up over 14%. He offered his congratulations to our fall athletics teams and mentioned that Cross Country finished 4th in the country at their National Championship meet; Women's Soccer made it to the national championships; and the new Wrestling team had their first match.

Committee Reports

Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee

Trustee Tryniski recapped the agenda of the Finance Committee.

Education Committee

Trustee Alicea recapped the agenda of the Education Committee.

Student Government Association

Trustee Oberlender mentioned that they are hosting a number of activities this week to finish the semester. All of Student Government officers attended the SUNY Student Assembly conference in Syracuse this year and were able to meet other SGA students from colleges in New York. Programming ideas for spring are in place and the current SGA president resigned and was replaced by the Vice President. We are hoping to fill two vacancies for spring 2025.

OCC Foundation

Trustee Sindoni introduced Executive Director of the OCC Foundation, Louis Noce, to provide an update. In late August the Foundation secured a major gift of \$1.8 million. The benefactor was not an alum, but rather a humble community member that loved the College's mission. The areas of support the benefactor requested include: Electrical Technology, Health, and Education. Each area noted will be provided scholarship funds in the amount of \$600k each. There is a chance for additional residual funding from the estate within a few months. The Foundation

board of directors is looking for an ex-officio member to serve from the Board of Trustees. Any interested Trustees can reach out to Julie Hart.

Executive Session

At 10:18 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 financial matters. **On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session.**

At 10: a.m., **on motion by Trustee Mello and seconded by Trustee Littlejohn, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to move out of Executive Session and return to the board meeting.**

There being no further business, Trustee Sindoni adjourned the board meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Prepared by:
Julie Hart
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:
John Sindoni
Chair, Board of Trustees