

Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair

Trustees: Jaime Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Melanie Littlejohn; Paul Mello; Tara Owens; Dawn Penson; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Stephanie Aldrich; Dr. Agatha Awuah; Anne Marie Bernardoni; Kimberly Blanchet; Kathleen D'Aprix; Anne DeLand; Sarah Gaffney; Dr. Christina Granato; Dr. Patrick Kenny; Amy Kremenek; Mark Manning; Dr. Richard McLain; Roger Mirabito; Timothy Stedman; Kathleen Stress; Anastasia Urtz

Guests: Timothy Hammond; Jonathan Miller; Shelby Reeves

Call to Order

At 8:55 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the board meeting to order.

Swearing-in of New Trustee Paul Mello

Trustee Sindoni facilitated the swearing-in of new Trustee Paul Mello and welcomed him to the Board of Trustees.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Trustee Sindoni requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.**

Chair's Report

Audit Presentation by The Bonadio Group

Trustee Sindoni introduced Mark Manning, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, who, in turn, introduced Timothy Hammond, Jonathan Miller and Shelby Reeves from The Bonadio Group. Mr. Miller presented the 2019 OCC annual financial audit and explained the responsibilities of the audit firm and the findings of the same. Various tests and assessments were performed and it was noted that the firm found no material weaknesses or deficiencies, and that business systems are operating effectively and that the financial information the Board of Trustees regularly receives is appropriate.

Executive Session

At 9:30 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 Littlejohn and seconded by Trustee Owens, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session.**

At 9:47 a.m., **on motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to move out of Executive Session and return to the board meeting.**

*Receipt of the 2019 Onondaga Community College Audit

On motion by Trustee Tryniski and seconded by Trustee DeSiato, receipt of the 2019 Onondaga Community College Audit was unanimously approved.

Honorary Degree, Founder's, and Trustee Award Nominations

Trustee Sindoni reminded Trustees that it is time for nominations for the Honorary Degree, Founder's and Trustee Awards. Any suggestions should be sent to Julie Hart by the end of February.

Board Retreat – April 17, 2020

Trustee Sindoni suggested that the date for the Board of Trustees spring retreat be scheduled for **April 17, 2020**. Please let Julie Hart know of any conflicts so the date can be finalized.

President's Report

*Resolution to Appoint Nina Tamrowski and Phuoc Tran as Directors of the Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation

On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Littlejohn, the resolution to appoint Nina Tamrowski and Phuoc Tran as Directors of the Onondaga Community College Housing Development Corporation was unanimously approved.

*Resolution to name the Academic II Recital Hall the Frederick Marvin and Ernst Schuh Recital Hall

On motion by Trustee Littlejohn and seconded by Trustee Owens, the resolution to name the Academic II Recital Hall the Frederick Marvin and Ernst Schuh Recital Hall was unanimously approved.

Other Updates

Dr. Crabill provided an update on the OCC Foundation. She introduced Amy Kremenek, Vice President, Enrollment, Development and Communications who then introduced the new Executive Director of the OCC Foundation Kathleen Stress. Dr. Crabill continued with an update on budget advocacy. She mentioned that we began our advocacy efforts in December with the Legislative breakfast, thanking state and assembly reps for their appreciation for what they did last year and the difference that it made. She explained that we are continuing with those efforts so that the funding floor becomes permanent legislation. This position has been taken by the SUNY Board of Trustees and across the state at all 30 community colleges. We have also asked Onondaga County and the County Executive for their support. We are also hoping for support from our local employer representatives including MACNY and CenterState CEO. All of the endorsements will be sent to the Governor's office before the budget is approved. Dr. Crabill continued her report with an announcement on a new grant project called BOOST from the Kresge Foundation. Six awards were given out across the country with one being given to OCC. Dr. Crabill asked Ms. Urtz to provide an overview of the award, which marks the achievement of a goal to address poverty in Syracuse. In partnerships with Onondaga County (Jobs Plus), Social Services, OnPoint and PEACE Inc., this award aims to align systems with external partners utilizing a coaching model trying to boost individuals into lifetime jobs with skill training. Dr. Crabill informed trustees that a team from OCC and Barnes & Noble are headed to Texas where we are a finalist for a Bellwether Award for the Box of Books program.

Committee Reports

Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee

No report at this time.

Education Committee

No report at this time.

OCC Foundation

Trustee Sindoni introduced Amy Kremenek, Vice President, Enrollment, Development and Communications, who provided an update on the OCC Foundation. Ms. Kremenek offered her thanks to everyone for their generosity for the annual appeal and in one month the OCC Foundation raised over \$28k. Former Trustee Allen Naples and his team at M&T Bank have pledged \$100K over a five-year period for career service support. The annual Alumni Faces event is scheduled for March 4 with 4 honorees – Nick Roberts, Bill Bonnell, Jennifer Bertan Belcher, and Rick Shirtz.

Student Government Update

Student Trustee Dawn Penson provided an update on Student Government at OCC. She reviewed the holiday extravaganza that took place at the end of the semester and while they were sad to see Paris Graziano graduate, Mark Santorelli has stepped in as president. Mark recently represented SGA in Albany at Chancellor Johnson's address. There are a number of events planned for the spring semester with the focus remaining on sustainability.

Executive Session

At 10:10 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 DeSiato, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session.**

At 10:30 a.m., **on motion by Trustee Tryniski and seconded by Trustee Owens, 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 10:30 a.m.

Prepared by:

Julie Hart
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:

John Sindoni
Chair, Board of Trustees