

Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 27, 2023
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair

Trustees: Hannah Durand (videoconference); Melanie Littlejohn; Paul Mello; Tara Owens (videoconference); John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Dr. Agatha Awuah; Kathy D'Aprix; Dr. Karen Fabrizio; David Furney; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Dr. Warren Hilton; Dr. Pat Kenny; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Michael O'Connor; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Susan Tormey; Timothy Stedman; Olin Stratton; Anastasia Urtz; Dr. Sean Vormwald; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Dr. Shawn Wiemann; Monifa Wilcox; Dr. Eunice Williams

Call to Order

At 9:17 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the board meeting to order.

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. The final gift agreement from Micron has been completed and we are excited about the naming of the cleanroom and are ready to start awarding scholarships to students in the Electromechanical degree program. These scholarships will include completion incentives to encourage students to finish the degree. The Foundation is looking for funds to assist with the Schools transition taking place at the College. A \$50K gift is coming from Amazon to assist with expenses related to this. Amazon is also going to work with other local companies and businesses to help support our students as they move through our programs. There will be a press conference tomorrow with the check presentation. There is a scheduled fundraiser at the Syracuse Mets scheduled for July 20. Please contact the Foundation if you are interested in purchasing tickets. Seven new directors will be starting on the Foundation Board of Directors this fall. We will work to plan an event in fall in conjunction with the OCC Board of Trustees.

Consent Agenda

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

Chair's Report

*Resolution to Approve the 2023-24 Board Officers

On motion by Trustee Owens and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution to approve the 2023-24 Board Officers was unanimously approved.

*Trustee Conflict of Interest

Trustee Sindoni explained to Trustees that included in their packets is the annual conflict of interest forms and policy. He asked they review them and complete and return the disclosures to Julie Hart.

*Resolution to approve May 18, 2024 as the date of the 61st Commencement Ceremony

On motion by Trustee Tryniski and seconded by Trustee Littlejohn, the resolution to approve May 18, 2024 as the 61st Commencement Ceremony was unanimously approved.

*Resolution to name the Micron Cleanroom Simulation Laboratory

On motion by Trustee Mello and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution to name the Micron Cleanroom Simulation Laboratory was unanimously approved.

*Resolution to approve nominees for the 2023 New York Community College Trustee Awards

On motion by Trustee Littlejohn and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution to approve nominees for the 2023 New York Community College Trustee Awards was unanimously approved.

President's Report

*Resolution for Defense and Indemnification of Bridget Scholl and John Geer

On motion by Trustee Tryniski and seconded by Trustee Owens, the resolution for defense and indemnification of Bridget Scholl and John Geer was unanimously approved.

*Resolutions of Appreciation for Retirees, Distinguished Retirees, and Faculty Emeritus

On motion by Trustee Littlejohn and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution of appreciation for retirees, distinguished retirees, and faculty emeritus was unanimously approved.

Annual Institutional Review Board Report

Dr. Hilton commented that contained in the board meeting materials was the annual IRB report. Trustees should review it and direct any questions to Dr. Hilton.

Presidential Updates

Dr. Hilton began his report with an update on this weekend's festivities where he attended three high school graduations where students received their associate's degree along with their high school diploma. The three schools were East Syracuse Minoa, Solvay and the Ishan School of Excellence.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan Task Force is making good progress. They have developed a Priority Area and have finalized the 3 focus areas and goals of the plan. The Task Force will be meeting soon to finalize the short-term and long-term outcomes before they move on to Key Performance Indicators. Once the KPIs are finalized they will draft the full Strategic Plan for review. The

Task Force has another meeting scheduled for July 10th where they anticipate that they will be near completion after that meeting.

Athletics

We are pleased to share with you that we have two new National Champions at OCC - both are in Track and Field. The first is Karizma Brathwaite who finished first in the Country in three events: women's long jump, women's 100 meter, and women's 200 meter. Karizma will be a sophomore next year and came to OCC from the Institute of Technology at Syracuse. Next is Bryn Whitman – Bryn won the national championship in the discus. She will be a sophomore next year and came to OCC from Auburn. We will celebrate both students in the fall when their national championship rings arrive. We are so incredibly proud of them and can't wait to see what next year brings for them both.

Student Success Challenge

In your packets I included information on each of the Student Success Challenge Projects that were approved for the 2023-24 academic year. As you can see, almost all of the projects involve collaboration across campus and are heavily student focused. I look forward to sharing the measurable outcomes with you next June when the projects are completed.

Aspen Workshops

We are fortunate that over the last few months, Trustees Sindoni, Dykes and myself were able to participate in a SUNY Pathways Board Engagement Workshop Series. These sessions provided us with the opportunity to increase our understanding of how governing boards and presidents work together to achieve the necessary student outcomes. This ties in with our Student Success Challenge is to reduce that achievement gap for underrepresented minority students and first-generation students by 50% by 2026. I have more information on this that I will share during executive session.

Presidential Evaluation

As is customary this time of year, I will be completing my evaluation and sharing it with all of you. Please plan to provide comments and suggestions to Chair Sindoni and him and I will meet to discuss those at a later date. Thank you.

There being no further business, Trustee Sindoni adjourned the board meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Prepared by:
Julie Hart
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Submitted by:
John Sindoni
Chair, Board of Trustees