

Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2021
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair

Trustees: Jaime Alicea; Dr. Donna DeSiato; Tara Owens; Eleanor Petrucco; John Sindoni; Neil Strodel; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Stephanie Aldrich; Dr. Agatha Awuah; Jackie Barstow; Frank Cetera; Collette Charbonneau; Richelle Ciotta; Russ Corbin; Dr. Casey Crabill; Kathy D'Aprix; Anne DeLand; Karen Fabrizio; Maureen Fellows; Sarah Gaffney; Julie Hart; Linda Kelley; Amy Kremenek; Kelly Larrivey; Heather Liggett; Mark Manning; Kenneth Meyer; Roger Mirabito; Carol Obernesser; Meghan Peryea; Amy Proulx; Nicole Schlater; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Anne Smith; Timothy Stedman; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Susan Tormey; Dr. Annie Tuttle; Anastasia Urtz; Steffani Williams

Guests: Penny Lane; Gina Segreti

Call to Order

At 9:40 a.m., Trustee Sindoni called the board meeting to order.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Chair's Report

Nominating Committee Appointments

Trustee Sindoni mentioned that at the March meeting every year he appoints a Trustee to develop a three-member nominating committee. This committee, made up of trustees, develops a slate of officers – chair, vice-chair and secretary - for presentation at the May board meeting with approval at the June board meeting. He will ask Trustee Littlejohn to take on this task.

Board of Trustees Draft Meeting Calendar 2021-22

Trustee Sindoni asked Trustees to review the proposed meeting calendar for next year and let Julie Hart know of any conflicts. The Trustees will vote to approve the calendar at the May board meeting.

***Resolution to approve the OCCA Operating Budget for 2021-22**

On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Trustee Owens, the resolution to approve the OCCA Operating Budget for 2021-22 was unanimously approved.

***Honorary Degrees, John H. Mulroy Founder's Awards, and Trustee Awards**

On motion by Trustee Alicea and seconded by Dr. DeSiato, the resolutions to approve Honorary Degree, John H. Mulroy Founder's Award and Trustee Award nominations were unanimously approved.

April 23, 2021 Retreat Reminder

Trustee Sindoni reminded Trustees of the upcoming retreat scheduled for April 23, 2021. This will be held in-person and a brief overview of the agenda was provided.

April 19, 2021 RFP Meeting Reminder

Trustee Sindoni reminded Trustees of the Audit RFP meeting being held on April 19, 2021. This meeting will be available virtually.

President's Report

2021 Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished College Administrator

Trustee Sindoni introduced Dr. Casey Crabill, President, to provide her report. Dr. Crabill began her report by introducing students Gina Segreti and Eleanor Petrucco who provided an overview of the PTK Distinguished College Administrator award and congratulated winner Roger Mirabito. Mr. Mirabito is Executive Director of Communications at the college.

Commencement 2021

Dr. Crabill provided an overview of what the college plans to do for commencement on May 15, 2021. The college has developed multiple plans but received word last week that the regulations regarding indoor space will change in the near future so we will be allowed to have a small percentage of people in the arena. Other scenarios for commencement include an outdoor option, drive-through option, and indoor ceremonies throughout the day. Splitting up the ceremonies will allow for crowd management and guests for students. There are numerous other details being managed at this time and currently, Trustees will not be asked to attend as members of the platform. More information will follow.

Fall 2021

Dr. Crabill provided an overview of what the college plans to do for the fall 2021 semester. She participated in a number of media interviews yesterday about the semester so that the community is aware. Based on recommendations from the Faculty Senate, classes will be face-to-face as much as possible but online classes will still be available. Sports and clubs will return and residence halls will have single rooms and a few double rooms but no triples. We are aiming for around 600 beds to fill. This does keep a dorm available for quarantine should we need it.

Federal Funding

Dr. Crabill provided an overview of federal funding that is earmarked for OCC. There is \$10 million allocated for OCC and 50% is for student aid, similar to the way the CARES Act funding was handled. We will be given regulations from SUNY as to how we disperse the funds. With these additional funds we are looking at expanding summer programming for 11th grade, 12th grade and incoming freshman at OCC with non-credit offerings – a deeper orientation process than we normally have had – to assist with the adjustment back to a classroom.

IR Shared Services

Dr. Crabill provided an overview of IR Shared Services at the college. This was a project that started with this board at the suggestion of Allen Naples. This is a plan to share services for Institutional Research and will serve Adirondack, Cayuga, Herkimer and Onondaga. It is also a way to leverage the talents among the colleges. This was offered to all 30 SUNY community colleges initially with the 4 listed above moving forward.

SUNY Updates

Dr. Crabill continued with updates for SUNY. The current focus is on the budget and the one house bill bodes well for OCC. SUNY System did not ask for the funding floor, but our elected representatives remembered how important it is to the colleges. Thanks to representatives Magnarelli, Hunter, Stirpe and May who work very hard for us. Other funding in the budget includes additional support for opportunity programs you heard about today. SUNY is focusing on workforce development efforts also and OCC is the recipient of funds to support our AET programming, specifically HVAC.

Committee Reports

Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee

No report at this time.

Education Committee

No report at this time.

Student Government Update

Student Trustee Eleanor Petrucco provided an update on student activities across campus. She explained that students are looking forward to face-to-face instruction in the fall. Phi Theta Kappa's college project for this year includes updates to the Blackboard landing page. Students are looking to add essential student information on this page to make it easier to access. The Student Government Association is working on Unity Day events, an Autism Awareness event, and end-of-semester events to help students to finish strong. Trustee Petrucco explained that many clubs are still meeting regularly, albeit virtual, and that Residence Hall Advisors are working on additional programming for the next few months. Recently, there were giveaways held in the Residence Halls of toiletries for students, all of which were donated by the campus community.

OCC Foundation

Trustee Sindoni introduced Trustee Strodel to provide an update on the OCC Foundation. Trustee Strodel commented that the OCC Foundation hosted its second annual virtual fundraiser *Whiskey & Wisdom* and over 150 people attended and raised \$13,500 for student support. Nearly a year ago the OCCF launched the Lazer Response Fund to support emergency needs of students due to the pandemic. As a result of the year-long effort, over \$210,000 was raised. These funds have been used throughout the pandemic to support direct student needs. None of this would have been possible without the support of our campus community.

Executive Session

At 10:30 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 Tryniski and seconded by Trustee Alicea, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session.**

At 10:45 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.**

There being no further business, Trustee Sindoni adjourned the board meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Submitted by:

John Sindoni
Chair, Board of Trustees