

Onondaga Community College Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Via Microsoft Teams and in-person in Whitney 210
Presiding: Trustee John Sindoni, Chair

Trustees: Dr. Donna DeSiato; Melanie Littlejohn; Paul Mello; Tara Owens; Eleanor Petrucco; John Sindoni; Mark Tryniski

Staff: Stephanie Aldrich; Todd Baker; Michael Borsz; Daneen Brooks; Helene Brophy; Nancy Carr; Yanina Colberg; Dr. Casey Crabill; Dr. Gerardo Cummings; Kathleen D'Aprix; Anne DeLand; Karen Fabrizio; Jerry Farnett; Maureen Fellows; Sarah Gaffney; Dr. Glenda Gross; Julie Hart; Linda Kelley; Amy Kremenek; Kelly Larrivey; John Lyon; Mark Manning; Roger Mirabito; Erin Newton; Carol Obernesser; Michael O'Connor; Gail O'Hara; Jeffrey Peckins; Meghan Peryea; Denise Reid-Strachan; Carlos Roldan; Timur Saka; Dr. Anisha Saxena; Nicole Schlater; Bridget Scholl; Dr. Scott Schuhert; Anne Smith; Zachery Snyder; Timothy Stedman; Nina Tamrowski; Dr. Christopher Thuot; Phuoc Tran; Anastasia Urtz; Denise Valdes; Dr. Larry Weiskirch; Eunice Williams; Steffani Williams; Meiping Zheng

Students: Cristian Pompey; William Ramroop

Call to Order

At 9:34 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 Tryniski and seconded by Trustee Mello, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.**

Chair's Report

Slate of Officers

Trustee Sindoni introduced Trustee Melanie Littlejohn to provide the report of the Nominating Committee. Trustee Littlejohn commented that the group met via conference call and determined that the Slate of Officers for the 2021-22 academic year would be John Sindoni – Chair; Melanie Littlejohn – Vice-chair; and Tara Owens – Secretary. A formal resolution will be developed and voted on at the June 22, 2021 board meeting.

***Board of Trustees Draft Meeting Calendar 2021-22**

On motion by Trustee Mello and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the Board of Trustees meeting calendar for 2021-22 was unanimously approved.

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

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

*Resolution of Appreciation for Student Trustee Eleanor Petrucco

On motion by Trustee Tryniski and seconded by Trustee Mello, the resolution of appreciation for Student Trustee Eleanor Petrucco was unanimously approved.

*Resolution to Award Degrees to Candidates for May 2021

On motion by Trustee Tryniski and seconded by Trustee Mello, the resolution to award degrees to candidates for May 2021 was unanimously approved.

President's Report

Unity Day Update

Trustee Sindoni introduced Dr. Casey Crabill, President, to provide her report. Dr. Crabill began her report by introducing students Cristian Pompey and William Ramroop who provided an update on Unity Day activities for the 2020-21 academic year. Mr. Ramroop read a thank you letter to the staff at OCC for their support of the Residence Hall giveaways and presented a special plaque to Dr. Crabill.

*Resolution to approve the use of Body Worn Cameras for Campus Peace Officers

Dr. Crabill explained that this is a proposal that the Campus Safety & Security brought forward for consideration. It was vetted through the shared governance process on campus and will allow for transparency and accountability on campus.

On motion by Trustee Mello and seconded by Trustee Tryniski, the resolution to approve the use of Body Worn Cameras for Campus Peace Officers was unanimously approved.

Commencement 2021

Dr. Crabill provided an overview of commencement 2021. She explained that the current plan is to host three ceremonies: 9:00 AM; 1:00 PM; and 5:00 PM. This provides time between ceremonies to clean and prepare for the next. Students will be given an arrival time for each ceremony and will go through the checkpoints needing to provide one of these three items: a negative test results within 72 hours; or proof of the vaccination, with the second vaccine having happened 14 days prior; or proof of a positive COVID result within the last 90 days. Students are allowed to bring two guests, all needing the same proof as mentioned above. They will sit with the students at tables spread 6-feet apart. We are hoping for three very successful events.

SUNY Updates

Dr. Crabill continued with updates for SUNY. She mentioned that the Governor has announced that SUNY and CUNY will require vaccinations for enrollment in fall predicated on the vaccine receiving full use authorization from the FDA. More information will be made available as the fall semester approaches.

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. She explained that hosting events on campus this past year were difficult, but they persevered. Students are grateful to have an in-person commencement scheduled. The PTK students completed their Blackboard project this spring and now all relevant student information is hosted on the main landing page. This year also saw a record PTK induction ceremony, even if it was virtual. The grab and go events that Student Government hosted this semester were very successful and we hope this might continue, even once we go back to normal operations. SGA elections were held recently and the new officers were announced. Good luck to all of them.

OCC Foundation

Trustee Sindoni introduced Amy Kremenek, Vice President, Enrollment, Development & Communications, to provide an update on the OCC Foundation. Ms. Kremenek began by sharing the 2021-22 slate of officers and new board members who were voted in at the March OCC Foundation board meeting. The officers are: Board Chair: Mary Snyder, General Counsel with SRC; Vice Chair: Al Marzullo, Business Manager with Local IBEW #43; Treasurer: Joe Chemotti, Partner with Dannible & McKee; Board Secretary: Ron Belle, CEO with AmeriCU; Assistant Treasurer: Dennis Hebert, Commonwealth Financial Network, LLC; and Immediate Past Chair: Jim Seeley, Bond, Schoeneck & King. In addition, the OCC Foundation will welcome seven new Board Members for 2021-22: Me'Shae Brooks Rolling, Upstate Minority Economic Alliance and serial entrepreneur; Tony DelVecchio, M&T Bank; Ethan Gilbert, Rockbridge Investment Management; Nicole Osborne, Education Strategy Group; Juanita Perez-Williams, State of NY Workers Compensation Board; Paul Reichel, Bond, Schoeneck & King; and Jason Terreri, Syracuse Airport Authority. The OCC Foundation Board will hold its annual retreat at OCC on June 4th. The retreat agenda will include a workshop on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion facilitated by board member Dr. Juhanna Rogers with Centerstate CEO in collaboration with the leadership of the College's Council on Diversity & Inclusion. This work will help to inform the Foundation's operational plan for 2021-22. Highlights this month also include the wrap-up of the OCC employee campaign and the Spring foundation newsletter which spotlights our donors, OCC alumni, and students. This newsletter will be mailed to 15,000 recipients in Central NY and beyond. We will also continue planning for the OCC classic car show, "Cruise & Views," which has been scheduled for this fall on September 25th. Finally, we would like to thank the OCC Board of Trustees for its ongoing partnership and support. We look forward to continued progress in the 2021-22 year.

Executive Session

At 10:15 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 Mello, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session.**

At 10:30 a.m., **on motion by Trustee Mello 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 10:30 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Submitted by:

John Sindoni
Chair, Board of Trustees