



# FOUNDATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**ATAS Room 149 and Zoom Conference Call**

### MEETING MINUTES

Present: Dr. Morgan Barrows                      Robert Buaas                      Cara Davidoff  
            Anthony Ferry                              Maria Ghobadi, Esq.              Jim Leach  
            Kevin Middleton                             Mark Schwartz                      Dr. Elliot Stern  
            Dr. Terri Whitt Rydell                      Elizabeth McCann, staff  
            Paula Barrow, staff                            Emily Cramer, staff

Absent: M. Mahboob Akhter                      Dr. Jeanne Harris-VanDahlen              Isaiah Henry  
            Sam Lockhart                                    Kevin McClelland (resigned)              Cory Thompson  
            Dana Taylor, staff                              Andrew Hom, staff

Guests: Tony Teng

1. Meeting called to order at 8:09 a.m. Quorum achieved.
2. Consent Agenda (Action):
  - February 17, 2022 meeting minutes approved
  - Gifts received (1/1/21-2/28/22) approvedMotion to approve made by Dr. Elliot Stern, seconded by Robert Buaas
3. Board Development Committee Update – Jim Leach
  - Moving forward with two candidates and working with Cara for potential candidate ideas.
4. Investment and Financial Report – Anthony Ferry
  - Graystone will rebalance moderately performing portfolios.
5. ASG President’s Report – Elizabeth McCann
  - ASG is planning to donate \$121,000 next year to scholarships.
  - Organizing efforts for continuing Senior Day on April 21.
  - New ASG president will be Gloria Lee.
6. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Morgan Barrows
  - We are in the environmental studies lab in the beautiful ATAS building. Departments customized their spaces so each area is unique integrating what and how they teach.
    - For example, the floor in this room has no seams so spills with organisms will not fill in cracks.
    - We have the best ventilation on the entire campus. Fresh air comes into the lab and is replaced eight times a minute then released back outside.
    - Drains collect water contaminants and is treated before it is released into the environment.
    - Nice to get back into a lab where we can be more innovative.
  - Faculty are focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion in Academic Senate.
  - Excited about the celebrations that come along with the end of the year and looking forward to the opportunity to mingle with people.

- Exciting to be in a top-notch building and excited for all the new buildings coming online.
  - Been busy hiring a new group of faculty coming on board for fall semester.
7. President's Report – Elliot Stern
- For the last two and a half weeks, we moved from masks required indoors to masks recommended indoors.
  - To recap the last two years:
    - 25 months ago, we went out completely and had to regroup to figure out how to continue learning while not on campus.
    - Over 500 faculty went through online training.
    - Students had to learn how to learn online.
    - Handed out almost 1000 laptops to students who had no technology at all, along with hotspots for WiFi.
  - Learning continued with minimal interruption and students graduated, even during the pandemic. Commencement last year was a drive through event. This year commencement is in the stadium and we are excited be in-person and to show off the new stadium.
  - 98% of students and employees are vaccinated with the remainder regularly testing.
    - Will continue to go from masks required to masks recommended for however long the pandemic continues.
  - We are in the midst of record setting hiring of full time faculty with 21 new tenure track faculty hired at this point.
  - Construction update:
    - The new ATAS building will have a grand opening in fall.
    - New Gateway Building, under construction, is designed like an Apple store with digital queuing and broad open space for students to hang out waiting to be seen, instead of standing in line. It will be completed the beginning of 2023.
    - A new math and computer science building will replace the old science building.
    - ATEP will house Advanced Transportation and a culinary program with three hotel size kitchens and its own restaurant.
    - These new buildings will distinguish ourselves from every other Community college in the region, state and perhaps country.
8. Executive Director Report – Elizabeth McCann
- We are in the thick of scholarships. Thank you to all the Board members that reviewed scholarship applications.
  - We have raised approximately \$450,000 in annual scholarships.
  - We have exhausted every penny of ASG's \$117,000 scholarship matching funds. We are excited that ASG will be increasing their matching funds amount next year.
  - Our endowments payout was nearly \$300,000.
  - We had approximately 450 scholarship applicants and over 150 reviewers.
  - At least ten new scholarships were added this year.
  - We are celebrating our Scholarship Ceremony on May 20. Because of the times, we will have the ceremony outdoors this year at the Science Building Plaza.
    - Maria Ghobadi has been asked to speak again at this year's ceremony. Please RSVP, as space may be limited and we are not sure what to expect this year.
    - We had an organization that previously decided not to award, due to changes in processes, come back and held in-person interviews with students.
    - We also had organizations increase their giving, so it is nice to recognize all of these folks for their generosity.
  - We launched our first electronic newsletter from the Foundation, thanks to Karen Jimenez and Dana Taylor. It resulted in a \$25,000 gift from a first time donor that has taken Emeritus classes. It came at a time when we are in great need and will replenish our emergency funds.

- We have also selected a new auditor for the College, District and the three Foundations.
  - We received nearly \$13 million of emergency student aid from the Federal Government and we are down to the last \$45-\$50,000. Students are still either emailing, calling, or coming into our office daily with financial support requests for thousands of dollars.
  - The Foundation has also spent about \$160,000 of our own funds on emergency grant to students who could not wait for the HEERF disbursement and needed money immediately.
  - As confirmed with the auditor, the remaining \$45-\$50,000 will come back to the Foundation's emergency funds.
  - Working to wrap up the fourth virtual plant sale with horticulture and landscape design team. It has been delightful working with our horticulture team. Kudos to Dana Taylor. We raised over \$4,000 for department scholarships.
  - Dr. Morgan Barrows secured four paid summer research internships for Marine Science and Oceanography students with Phil Hiestand's help. Normally these would be unpaid opportunities for students.
  - Phil Hiestand will also support three students conducting research at UCI this summer. Phil's background and passion is engineering and oceanography, but he was willing to expand into the marine environment looking at environmental issues.
  - An update on my Certified Specialist and Planned Giving Program. My fellow cohort members and I made it through the hardest module exam. Only two modules left and we will finish classes in July. I have until October to complete my practicum.
  - Starting a Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership, Community College Leadership at Cal State Long Beach, which is a three-year program.
9. Advanced Technology and Applied Science Program – Tony Teng, Dean
- Program is diverse, primarily in career technical education but overlapping with credential programs that includes:
    - Environmental Science
    - Ecology
    - Architecture
    - Interior Design
    - Advanced Machining
    - Electronics
    - Computer Maintenance
  - Not every department within the division is located in the ATAP Building. We are scattered throughout the College, with Auto Technology in Lower Campus to Fashion and Interior Design in the BGS Building.
  - Appreciates the Foundation's efforts to support our programs and our students. Some of the notable things this year:
    - Plant sale with horticulture in order to offer scholarships for our students. Turned a major face-to-face plant sale fundraiser to an online presence and made sure safety protocols were in place for plant pick up.
    - We sponsored a table at the Make a Wish Foundation Event, the only community college that did this.
    - The Table for 10, sponsored table had the Interior Design Department create the table decorations and the Culinary Department cooked tableside with lead instructor Pascal Olhats, who is a front-runner French chef, with students helping.
    - May be participating in a farm to table, culinary department and horticulture department, for a Second Harvest Food Bank fundraiser.
  - Mobile trailer vehicle is in budget to act as a traveling billboard so we do not lose recognition on the Saddleback campus for the two programs moving to the ATEP campus. We still want visibility and to be able to pop up at different places to advertise the programs.

- John Wayne Airport was running an exhibit of education, which ran for a year. Saddleback had three display cases and rotated exhibits for department visibility.

10. SOCCCD Report – Dr. Terri Whitt Rydell

- There are 1500 high school students on campus today for that university experience.
- Next summer we have talked about using this building for College for Kids. This will be a great introduction for kids. The parent drop off/pick up is perfect with the adjacent parking lot.
- We had our first in-person Trustee meeting.
  - The two ASG presidents gave phenomenal presentations showing endless dedication to improving campus life.
- The Basic Allocations Presentation for current buildings:
  - Seven in Design Phase
  - Five under construction with ATAS nearly completed
  - Five upcoming buildings

11. Coming Events

- May 20 – Scholarship Ceremony
- May 26 – Commencement
- June 16 – Full Board meeting
- August – Board Retreat
- May 5 - IVC's Awards Dinner at Fete the Venue in Costa Mesa

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

**Next Foundation Board of Directors meeting:  
Board of Directors Retreat - TBD**