



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Presidents Large Conference Room AGB 106

MEETING MINUTES

Present:	M. Mahboob Akhter Isaiah Henry Kevin Middleton Dr. Lisa Schenitzki Paula Barrow, staff	Anthony Ferry Scott Kitcher Brendan O'Donnell Jennifer Voelker Andrew Hom, staff	Cara Davidoff Georgina Martinez Mark Schwartz Elizabeth McCann, staff Emily Cramer, staff
Absent:	Noah Aguilar Jim Leach	Trustee Lisa Bartlett Dr. Elliot Stern	Dr. Morgan Barrows
Guest:			

1. Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.
 - o Attendance taken and quorum was achieved.
2. Board Development Committee – Dr. Elizabeth McCann
 - o Will send out some calendar options for a committee meeting.
3. Consent Agenda Approved
 - o February 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes
 - o Gifts Received (3/1/26 – 3/31/26)
Motion made by Isaiah Henry, and seconded by Mahboob Akhter, motion approved.
4. Finance Committee Updates – Anthony Ferry
 - o Reported a month ago, things were great, and distributions remain fundamentally sound.
 - o Only change recommendation was to swap out Oppenheimer with Clearbridge International Growth.
 - o Approved a distribution of 5% for the endowment payout.
 - o Iran conflict is being watched closely along with private credit risk.
 - o The portfolio is just over \$12 million.
 - o Andrew's report on operations:
 - They are working with the new system to create reports.
 - Total revenue is \$1.4 million
 - \$930,909 in donations
 - \$216,061 in endowment contributions
 - \$161,036 in event revenue
 - \$90,137 in sales and commissions
5. Associated Student Government – Noah Aguilar absent no report.
6. Classified Senate Report – Georgina Martinez
 - o Classified Professionals Day theme was rest and refocusing on education and students together.
 - Workshops focused on career, leadership, and productivity.

- We will be voting on the new executive board for the next academic year.
- 7. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Morgan Barrows absent no report
- 8. Board of Trustees Report – Trustee Lisa Bartlett absent no report
- 9. College and Foundation Report – Dr. Elizabeth McCann
 - Everyone is at a conference and Elliot is in faculty interviews all day.
 - March 1st - Table for 10 event was successful.
 - Crew was placed at the wrong table.
 - Not sure how much was raised but will update once we get that information.
 - March 9th - Hosted the first annual Veterans Golf Tournament.
 - Raised \$45,000 benefitting our veterans program, a fantastic start for the first year.
 - The Student Veterans Club, part of a national organization of community colleges and universities, won the Club of the Year Award. Saddleback is the first community college to win the award. The award was presented at the conference in Washington D.C.
 - March 21st - Hosted a highly successful celebrity flag football fundraiser event in partnership with RX3.
 - Event raised over \$4.2 million for local and national charities.
 - This year Aaron Rogers' team won.
 - Women's National Flag Football Team member competed on each team.
 - Walker Hayes, a Grammy-nominated country singer and songwriter, performed.
 - The Foundation received \$100,000 from the event.
 - We are in the midst of the President's search and have narrowed the pool down to four finalists.
 - A group from Consultation Council had the opportunity to interview the finalists during lunch with prepared questions. Following lunch was the open forum for each of the candidates. They were asked a large variety of questions submitted by faculty and staff.
 - Dr. Lonita Cordova is the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Student Services at San Joaquin Delta College.
 - Dr. Sean Hancock currently serves as President of Cerro Coso Community College in Kern Community College District.
 - Dr. Martha McDonald is Vice President for Student Services at Irvine Vally College.
 - Dr. Jeffrey Lamb currently serves as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Santa Ana College.
 - On Tuesday we hosted the second Payroll Donor Appreciation Lunch for faculty and staff that contribute to payroll deduction on a monthly basis. We want to grow this group of payroll donors and celebrate and thank them. The lunch was well attended and even the Chancellor, a payroll donor, showed up.
 - Saddleback College is hosting the One Book One College event next week. The whole college participates in reading a book. Author, Eric Weiner, is coming to talk about his book, *The Geography of Bliss*, which is about happiness. He will be speaking in the McKinney Theatre on April 28 from 1:00 p.m.
 - Ribbon Cutting for Math and Computer Science Building
 - Tentative Ribbon Cutting Date is May 13 at 1:00 p.m.
 - The next day, on May 14th, the Scholarship Ceremony will be held in the Saddleback College gymnasium at 2:00 p.m.
 - Board members are invited to attend.
 - There will be a mix of donors, students, and families.
 - The following week is Commencement on May 21st at 4:00 p.m. at the Saddleback Stadium.
 - They always have great student speakers.
 - After being here for seven and a half years, Elliot is retiring. His last day is around July 15th.
 - He turned his retirement party into an all college retirement party for all the faculty and staff retiring at the end of the academic year.

- Board Retreat – this year we are planning a little beefier program, maybe a late lunch or later in the afternoon. We would like to bring in campus partners to give us updates. Sending out a survey to give us feedback on a variety of different things. We will try to schedule it in our new MCS building before the gala. Potentially Thursday, August 28, but other options will be looked at.
 - Scott Kitcher shared his Sustain SoCal involvement with ATEP.
 - On the culinary side, Scott introduced Lisa Inlow and colleagues to Disneyland. Disneyland has a new sustainable food systems integration plan going on right now, so hopefully that collaboration will move forward.
 - On the transportation side, presenting Driving Mobility 13, which is an advanced transportation event. Taylor Brooks will be on a panel.
 - Sustain SoCal is interactive with Roth Capital which puts on the RX3 event.
 - Liz thanked Jennifer Voelker for Karma's significant gift to the Automotive Tech Program. They are donating a prototype vehicle and other significant equipment that is valued at almost \$200,000. They are also supporting the students with training.
10. Adjourned meeting at 3:44 p.m.