



BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT

Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Math and Computer Science Multi-Purpose Room MCS 309

MEETING MINUTES

Present:	M. Mahboob Akhter Dr. Lonita Cordova Anthony Ferry Dr. Lisa Schenitzki Violeta Zahrae Andrew Hom, staff	Trustee Lisa Bartlett Cara Davidoff Scott Kitcher Mark Schwartz Elizabeth McCann, staff Emily Cramer, staff	Dr. Morgan Barrows Yolanda Farrow Brendan O'Donnell Jennifer Voelker Paula Barrow, staff
Absent:	Noah Aguilar Kevin Middleton	Isaiah Henry	Jim Leach
Guest:	Javad Mokhbery Rod Garcia	Tram Vo-Kumamoto	Dr. Jennifer LaBounty

1. Meeting called to order at 1:09 p.m.
 - Attendance taken and quorum was achieved.
2. Icebreaker
 - Introductions by all participants.
3. Board Development Committee – Dr. Elizabeth McCann
 - Executive Committee 2026-2027 Officers (Action)
Motion made by Mahboob Akhter, and seconded by Scott Kitcher, Dr. Lonita Cordova abstained, motion approved.
 - Yolanda Farrow, is the National Manager, HR Operations with Kia America, (Action)
Voting Board members approved Yolanda Farrow as a new Board member.
4. Consent Agenda Approved
 - April 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes
 - Gifts Received (5/1/26 – 7/31/26)
Motion made by Mahboob Akhter, and seconded by Anthony Ferry, motion approved.
5. Get to Know President Cordova – Dr. Elizabeth McCann
 - Question and Answer session
6. Vice President for Instruction Presentation – Tram Vo-Kumamoto
 - Credit Programs
 - Non-Credit Programs
 - Not for Credit Programs
 - Applied Baccalaureate Degree Program coming soon
 - Medical Lab Technician
 - Baccalaureate Programs under consideration:
 - Sustainable Architecture

- Physical Therapy Assistant
- 7. Vice President of Student Services Presentation – D. Jennifer LaBounty
 - Student Support
 - VETS Program
 - Career Resource Center
 - EOPS/CARE/CalWORKs/NextUp
 - Guardian Scholars/Monarch – Foster Youth and undocumented student support
 - Puente Program – exposes first generation students to UC life.
 - Summer UC Transfer Student Academy
 - Outreach Strategic Partnership Teams
 - Financial Aid
 - DSPS
 - Student Life
 - Admissions and Resources
 - Health Center
 - International Student Program
 - Basic Needs Center
- 8. Vice President of Administrative Services Presentation – Rod Garcia
 - Building construction
 - New multi-cultural center
 - Peaks coffee shop
 - Wayfinding signage for pedestrians and cars
 - Baseball scoreboard upgrade
 - Softball field and Lot 12A
 - Equitable Access & High Impact
 - Quad renovation
 - College Center renovation
 - M1 & M2 – the old automotive buildings repurposing for FMO
 - Horticulture Greenhouse/yard renovation
 - Campus support buildings – Police, IT, and Graphics
 - Central Plant renovation
 - Solar Phase 1
 - Solar Phase 2-5
 - Parking improvements – resurfacing parking lots
 - Landscape Beautification - Phase 2
 - Child Development Center turf installation
 - Community Vitality
 - National Franchise Coffee and Tea area
 - BGS mural
 - Wonder sign
 - Infrastructure work
 - Power and electrical
- 9. Foundation Report – Dr. Elizabeth McCann
 - Gala Focus – Event is on October 10 at 6:00 p.m.
 - Partnering with AMPD
 - Centering around the School of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
 - Invitations have gone out.
 - Need Board support to keep momentum going.
 - Help as sponsors.
 - Bring people to event that may be future donors, Board members, and sponsors.
 - Donate to silent and live auctions

- Vacation opportunities
- Local sport teams tickets
- Restaurant gift cards
- Wine
- Miscellaneous gift cards

10. Adjourned meeting at 4:03 p.m.