



**COD Foundation: Academic Angels Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 10:00 AM

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Voting Committee Members:

Marge Dodge (Chair) and Norma Castaneda.

Non-Voting Committee Members:

Catherine Abbott, Matthew Durkan, Shari Stewart, and Linda Weakly.

Quorum (51%): 2

Subject to Brown Act: Yes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

1.1 Call to Order

Chair called meeting 10:02 AM

1.2 Roll Call

2. Agenda

2.1 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), the Committee may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda, upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a).

2.2 Confirmation of Agenda: Approval of agenda for the Academic Angels Committee Meeting of November 8, 2022, with any additions, corrections, or deletions.

3. Minutes

3.1 Approval of the Academic Angels Committee Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2022.

Motion to approve the minutes by Norma Castaneda, seconded by Marge Dodge.

4. Comments from the Public

4.1 Public Comments: In accordance with Senate Bill 361 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation is allowed and will be accepted by email to codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu and read into the record during public comment or by using the raise your hand function by joining the Zoom link. There is a time limit of three (3) minutes per person. All comments must be submitted or brought forward prior to the end of the public comments section.

No Public Comments

5. Action & Discussion Item

5.1 Review of the State of the College and Welcome Back Tea

Members provided State of the College and Welcome Back Tea feedback.

Of the 3 Learning to Lead students, only two attended State of the College.

Members discussed how to improve the Learning to Lead program:

- Selection process
- Student expectations
- Minimum event attendance requirements
- Incentives for student event attendance (i.e., gift cards)
- Shari Stewart suggests inviting non-Learning to Lead students (i.e., EDGE/pLEDGE, nursing)
- Onboarding orientation

- Communication when application opens sooner to students
- For the past two years, students were referred from Carlos Maldonado, Office of Student Life
- 22/23 students are from EDGE/pLEDGE
- Outreach strategy: Host an open house or workshop before the end of Spring semester to widen student application pool.

5.2 December Newsletter

The Academic Angels' December Newsletter will be shared by Amanda McCarthy.

December Newsletter items:

- Shari Stewart – State of the College review
- Linda Berg-Weakley - Welcome Back Tea review
- Spring Luncheon
- Membership renewal
- Highlight Raquel Barta, Learning to Lead student

5.3 December Member Renewal Drive

Marge Dodge suggests membership renewal emails should come from the Academic Angels email address vs. Matthew Durkan. Catherine Abbott will talk to Theresa Maggio.

Members discussed building inclusive Academic Angels Membership:

- Gender Diversity
- "Calling All Males"
- Local CEO's Desert Jet, Disney, Fire Birds, etc.
 - Norma Castaneda will reach out to local CEO's at the Acrisure Arena mixer at the Hyatt

Member renewal letters will be sent by the first week of December.

5.4 2023 Fundraising Event at Acrisure Arena Update

Marge Dodge will continue to follow up with Acrisure Arena in January 2023 to discuss booking and pricing:

- Tentative date: April 10, 2023

Marge Dodge asked members about incorporating COD sports teams with the event at the sports arena (i.e., women's volleyball game demo). Members suggest holding off on incorporating COD sports team, people may rather see a tour of the arena

6. Adjournment

6.1 Next Meeting: January 10, 2023

6.2 Adjournment

Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:41 AM.