

Foundation Executive Committee Regular Meeting (Wednesday, November 1, 2023)

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Meeting called to order at 1:31 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

1.01 Call to Order

1.02 Roll Call - Diane Rubin, Christine Anderson, Bill Chunowitz, Marge Dodge, Barbara Foster Monachino, Barbara Fromm, Tom Minder, Rob Moon, Jane Saltonstall, Jake Wuest. Non-voting members: Catherine Abbott, Laura Hope, Eddie Hernandez, Liz Chambers, Kirstien Renna, Elena Moiseeva (recorder)

2. AGENDA

2.01 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), the Board may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda, upon a determination by a 2/3 vote of the Board, or (if less than 2/3 of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those 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.

2.02 Confirmation of Agenda: Approval of agenda for the November 1, 2023, Foundation Executive Meeting with any additions, corrections, or deletions.

Agenda stands as presented.

3. MINUTES

3.01 Approval of September 27th, 2023, Foundation Executive Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Marge Dodge mentioned that Academic Angels Welcome Back Tea in the minutes was stated as October 9th, but actually it was October 19th.

Minutes were approved with one correction.

Bill Chunowitz moved to approve, Jake Wuest seconded.

All in favor. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4.01 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 in person, 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. All requests should be directed to the Foundation by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 31st, 2023.

No public comments.

5. REPORT ITEMS

5.01 Administrative Comments

Ruben Perez, COD Board of Trustees Representative - Absent

Laura Hope, COD Interim Superintendent/President

Laura greeted everyone in the room and gave following updates: transportation solution for College Students to hopefully kick off next year; NASA M-Star project for calling oxygen for sustainability on Mars got \$900 000 grant. Laura also reminded about upcoming major events, one of them being reception honoring Peggy Cravens and another one - walk party at new Child Development Center in Indio in January 2024. Laura also talked about listening sessions that took place at various campuses, had 30 members at each session and had an overall success. Diane Rubin thanked Laura Hope for the report and for the great coverage at Desert Sun.

Diane Rubin, Board Chair

Diane thanked Cathy for all her work, Great Alumni Hunt was very successful.

Catherine Abbott, Foundation Executive Director

Cathy reported to the Board that Jordan Schnitzer is in negotiation to lease land from College in order to build and Art Museum that will also include instructional spaces for our students.

Q: - Who owns the property?

A: - Jordan Schnitzer will own the property, but the land will be leased from the College, same type as McCallum Theater.

Laura Hope added that next step will be the resolution by the Board, and once resolution passes and verifies the College's commitment, then we will go forward.

Jane Saltonstall commented that it will be very important to have updated information throughout the process, as there will be many questions from the community and lack of information creates rumors. Laura agreed and suggested that the best way will be to work with PIO on this.

Cathy continued her report, reminding that on November 8th Peggy Cravens check presentation reception will take place at 4 pm. And on November 16th we are hosting a Legacy Leaders reception at Cuistot. As well as President's Circle event next week - Cheeseburgers in Paradise, tribute to Jimmy Buffet at Lindi Biggi BG House on November 9th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

5.02 Directors' Reports (Reports may be submitted by emailing the Foundation at codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu)

Rob Moon, Director of Resource Development and Stewardship

Continuing Cathy's report, Rob Moon also reminded that the second PC Event of the year will be Pizza and Putters, most probably on March 3d in the afternoon at The Shadow Mountain Golf Club, which was recently renovated. As well, Rob informed that President's Circle Committee and Advancement Committee are going to meet as a combined committee all together.

Marge Dodge, Director of Recognition and Outreach

The Welcome Back Tea for members only was held on October 19, 2023, at Cuistot's from 4:30 to 6:30. It was well attended with members listening to Derick Talay express his thanks for the opportunity to participate in the Leadership Coachella Valley 10-month program. Professor of Hospitality Yolanda Bender and Director of International Studies Cody McCabe with student Melissa discussed the summer trip of eleven COD Students to Japan. The presentations were very informative and demonstrated the power of donations.

The Academic Angels Mixer at Willie's Modern Fare was held on October 31, Halloween. Costumes were encouraged at the no-host event. Diane Rubin provided appetizers. Hopefully the mixer will generate additional memberships.

Membership Renewal Letters will be emailed to all current members and lapsed members in December. All memberships expire on December 31 of each year.

Jane Saltonstall, Director of Programs/Campus Connections

Jane reported that Campus Grants Committee met on Monday and there were 14 different proposals, these proposals were scored and ranked by Committee Members. The results have not yet been publicly shared.

Barbara Foster Monachino, Director of Operations and Nominating Committee

Barbara reported that we had another successful Audit and the results will be shared later today.

Jake Wuest, Treasurer

Jake reported that Financial Statements have been reviewed at the Finance Committee Meeting and some ideas were discussed about the Budget for next year.

Bill Chunowitz, Past Chair

Campus Tours are all set, there are few dates in November and few in December. Eddie Hernandez added that Campus Tours marketing materials also went through some rebranding, Campus Tours passport was created, and message is going out though all our social media channels.

Barbara Fromm, Secretary

Barbara informed that she is on a mission to find out which departments do offer work based experience for students, and which ones don't. We will try to find partners in the community to build this opportunity for our students.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.01 Nominating Committee Materials Review and Approval

Jane informed that Committee has reviewed materials from years ago and it time to update it. "Welcome from Jane Saltonstall" was updated, "Charge to Nominating Committee" was removed, "Nominating Committee Goals 2023-2024" was added, "Nominating Process" remained in the materials.

Chris Anderson moved to approve, Barbara Foster Monachino seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jane informed everyone that Nominating Committee took a decision to increase the number of Board members and working on it. As well she reminded that New Board Members Orientation will take place on November 15th.

6.02 Approval of Board Designated Funding

Cathy informed that she reached out to Ana Hernandez and Ana came up with the "Wishlist" of how much money is needed for work experience paid internships, and it turned out to be \$65 000. Also \$75 000 is to be paid for graduation regalia. And other college expenditures were brought down to \$30 000.

Tom Minder moved to approve, Barbara Fromm seconded. All in favor. Moton carried.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.01 Closed Session - PERSONNEL (Government Code Section 54957): DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, subd. (b)(1) One (1) Item

No items to report.

7.02 Informational/ Miscellaneous

Diane reminded everyone to look at the information page with upcoming events.

7.03 November 1st Board Meeting Agenda Items

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.01 Next Meeting: January 24, 2023, 1:30 - 2:45 PM

8.02 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.