



# FOUNDATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

President’s Large Conference Room - AGB 106

### MEETING MINUTES

Present:	M. Mahboob Akhter Chantelle Gil Brendan O’Donnell Kristian Suazo Emily Cramer, staff	Dr. Morgan Barrows Isaiah Henry Dr. Terri Rydell Elizabeth McCann, staff Andrew Hom, staff	Anthony Ferry Kevin Middleton Dr. Elliot Stern Paula Barrow, staff
Absent:	Cara Davidoff Dr. Lisa Schenitzki	Jim Leach Mark Schwartz	Scott Kitcher Michael Wojtowicz

1. Meeting called to order at 8:06 a.m. Quorum achieved.
2. Board Development Committee – Elizabeth McCann
  - Welcomed two new members, new ASG president, Kristian Suazo and Brendan O’Donnell with ChargePoint.
3. Consent Agenda (Action): Approved
  - February 15, 2024, meeting minutes
  - Gifts received (3/1/24-3/31/24)
  - Board Calendar 2024-2025
 Motion made by M. Mahboob Akhter, seconded by Kevin Middleton – motion approved.
4. Finance Committee Updates – Anthony Ferry
  - Overall financial performance is doing well.
  - Individual performance for the general fund and endowment, both at all-time highs.
  - Across the board favorable performance relative to the benchmarks.
  - Passive strategy is looking to move to an active emerging market manager.
  - Current assets increased to \$1.6 million.
  - Total assets have risen to over \$13 million, mainly contributed to the investment performance.
5. President’s Report – Dr. Elliot Stern
  - Slight lull in construction activity.
    - Gateway Building finished.
    - Math and Computer Science Building construction continues.
    - Saddleback at ATEP facility in Tustin construction
      - Building shell in place for culinary, hospitality and auto tech.
  - College enrollment up to pre-pandemic enrollment levels due to:
    - Strong marketing campaigns.
    - Outreach with enrollment coaches to shepherd students from first inquiry they make to the enrollment process.
    - A consortium of community colleges across California share their online schedules.

- The consortium is called CBCOEI – Allows us to post classes online for all community colleges across the state of California.
  - Students anywhere in the state can take classes at the teaching colleges which we are.
  - Exceeding projections on net enrollment.
  - Student can narrow their search for classes by zero textbook costs (ZTC – leader in state) or having certification called peer online course review (also leader in state)
  - Became a Teaching College at the start of this academic year.
    - In fall, we had 100 net enrollments. This semester we had over 500 enrollments from across the state. By next fall, expect there to be up to 1,000 students outside of our service area.
  - Adult education in flux
    - ESL, high school completion, short-term credentials changed to non-credit, non-pay.
    - This is a bridge to credited classes, which charge tuition, and higher paying jobs.
  - Discover Saddleback, for high school students, is an event coming up to boost enrollment.
  - Fall semester flag football will be offered.
  - In fall 2025, we are on track to offer physical therapy assistant, a brand-new degree.
  - We tout the number one nursing program in the country based on the pass rates of our students on the National Board exam. Four semesters in a row of 100% pass rates.
6. Associated Student Government (ASG) Report – (Michael Wojtowicz out sick) Kristian Suazo
- ASG election happened in March. Kristian Suazo voted in as president and Mia Sanchez VP.
  - Currently wrapping up projects and events in ASG.
  - We are trying to get ready for a great research opportunity in China.
7. Classified Senate Report – Chantelle Gil
- Currently accepting nominations for the new Executive Board officers for the next academic year.
  - Bringing back the flower sale at commencement. Historically, that has supported three scholarships: two for classified professionals and one for a student.
8. SOCCCD Report – Dr. Terri Rydell
- Made our resolutions for this month for Women’s History month and Cesar Chavez Day.
  - Accepted a proclamation from the City of Aliso Viejo and we are celebrating Community College month.
  - Recommends visiting the Arts Village at IVC – Ribbon cutting happened a couple weeks ago.
9. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Morgan Barrows
- Busy time of year with tons of events on campus.
    - Student success coaches have helped market the events.
    - Observatory Nights – the observatory is now back open, and they are holding multiple events.
    - One Book One College
      - The Keystone event is happening next Thursday at noon. Temple Grandin is coming to speak. She wrote the ‘Visual Thinking’ book that the college has been reading.
  - Pushing ahead with ZTC on campus
    - Revamping and making sure everything is accessible to the students.
  - There is a push in AI.
    - Right now, in the process of reviewing courses that will be fully approved to go online for fall of 2025.
    - In the meantime, we will have Not for Credit courses in AI.
    - We will offer a certificate once classes go online for credit.
    - Have an asynchronous workshop library on AI literacy for students.
    - Each of the schools are offering AI presentations during faculty development that are custom to each school. There is a push to get everyone to understand the role of AI’s potential problems and uses.

10. Executive Director Report – Elizabeth McCann

- Foundation is in the process of finalizing scholarships.
  - Thanked Emily and all the scholarship reviewers for helping score applications.
  - Scholarship Ceremony is on May 17 at 3:00 p.m. and we are back in the gymnasium.
- We partnered with RX3 on March 16 and hosted their charity flag football tournament at the stadium.
  - They raised \$2 million dollars.
- If interested in attending One Book One College, let Liz know and she will send you the registration link.
- Table for Ten was on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was a partnership with the non-profit, Table 4 Ten, that produces a culinary event with some of the top chefs in all of Orange County.
  - Four tables represented Saddleback College.
  - The event generated \$75,000 to support the Foundation and culinary scholarships.
  - Already talking about next year’s event.
- Auto Tech has their open house on May 4.
  - They will have an electric vehicle go-cart race.
- Saddleback College also has the Mouton Niguel Water District Garden Tour on May 4.
  - Will be showcasing the bio-swale area in between this building (AGB) and the library.
- Commencement is coming up on May 23.
- Saddleback will start a co-ed flag football varsity team fall semester.

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

**Foundation Board of Directors Meeting:  
August 29, 2024**