



# FOUNDATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

President’s Large Conference Room - AGB 106

### MEETING MINUTES

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

1. Meeting called to order at 8:06 a.m. Quorum achieved.
2. Board Development Committee – Jim Leach
  - Working on bringing on to the Board the Executive Director of Nursing from Mission Hospital, who is also an alumna.
3. Consent Agenda (Action): Approved
  - August 16, 2024, meeting minutes
  - Gifts received (8/1/24-9/30/24)
 Motion made by Dr. Morgan Barrows, seconded by Kristian Suazo – motion approved.
4. Finance Committee Updates – Anthony Ferry
  - Our portfolio is hovering near the \$10 million mark.
  - The good news is the market is cooperating.
5. Associated Student Government (ASG) Report – Kristian Suazo
  - Focusing on the election with several events scheduled.
    - Held three Political Q & A events with each candidate running for office. All events had a high student turnout.
      - Matt Gunderson, Mike Levin, and Joe Kerr
    - Hosting a voter registration event to get students to vote.
6. Classified Senate Report – Erylne Ballo absent, no report
7. Faculty Representative Report – Dr. Morgan Barrows
  - Fifteen faculty requests submitted to Dr. Stern, which will then be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.
  - The Faculty Association approved their contact with District.
  - Multiple Task Force groups were created and are in the works for:
    - AI Task Force
    - Baccalaureate Task Force
    - Middle College Task Force and implementation on campus

- Common Core Numbering is happening on campus.
    - Courses throughout California will have the same number, so students will be taking the same class wherever they are taking it.
    - Started off slowly with six classes. Submitted to the college and then they will be submitted to the state.
    - The second round will be of approximately 20 courses and eventually will roll out all the major courses.
  - We have created a committee for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning.
    - The tool kit for Culturally Responsive Teaching is available to faculty.
    - It incorporates how to make teaching styles more welcoming and to make more students successful.
  - 2024-2025 Equity Challenge is going on now
    - focusing on EIA incorporated in the classroom and everyday lives.
8. President's Report – Dr. Elliot Stern
- Last year Saddleback College awarded more than 5,000 associate degrees and 8,000 credentials and certificates of completion.
  - Enrollment is increasing, growing at double digits the second year in a row.
    - Coming up on a record number of 27,782 students enrolled.
    - Student subgroups:
      - High school dual enrollment program, 2,000 students
      - Adult Education – Primary ESL classes, over 1900 students speak other languages and want to learn to English.
      - Neurodivergent students – New term for students on the spectrum. Making sure they have a fair chance to learn and be successful.
  - The connection between the work we are doing, and these numbers is the money the Foundation raises for scholarships, emergency needs and program support.
  - Looking forward to holding ATEP tours.
    - ATEP will house Culinary and Auto Tech Programs.
    - Extending our marketing outreach from the Tustin area is huge.
9. SOCCCD District Report – Dr. Terri Rydell
- The faculty and police officers' association contracts were approved.
  - Trustees have been involved with Congressional candidates, Mike Levin, Joe Kerr and Matt Gunderson.
  - Enjoyed the football Homecoming in the Ferry Room.
  - The Board of Trustees have resolutions almost every month.
    - Between September 15 and October 15 - Recognizing Hispanic and LatinX heritage.
    - Between October 14-18 - Undocumented student action week.
    - Recognizing Sept. 8-14 as suicide prevention week.
  - Trustee Barbara Jay retiring from the Board of Trustees
10. Foundation Report – Elizabeth McCann
- The Gala is coming up. It is all about contagious joy and we are making fun little changes.
  - We have an amazing partnership with AMPD.
  - We will be telling impactful stories by highlighting the many ways we shine and win.
  - Joey Sellers' 20-piece Big Band will set the tone and will be playing all evening.
  - We will have vintage news clips highlighting the amazing things that happened last year.
  - We will focus on successful student programs:
    - Saddleback College Robotics Team – They build a Mars Rover and compete in Utah. This is an international competition and Saddleback College is the only community college competing.
    - VETS Program – Saddleback College has the largest student veteran program in Orange County. Have two student veterans in the video.

- Fundraising update
    - In 2022 we raised \$264,373.
    - Last year we raised \$372,545, a huge increase over the previous year.
    - This year we are on track for another record-breaking year.
    - Last year we had just over \$144,000 in table sponsorships.
    - Today we are at \$149,250 table sponsorships.
    - Thanked the Title Sponsors, Anthony Ferry and Futek, the Mokhbery Family.
    - Surpassed last year with underwriting opportunities.
    - People are still trickling in with their table and ticket purchases.
    - Last year there was a spike in ticket purchases, today it is about \$10,000.
    - Even though costs have gone up this year, we didn't raise the ticket price.
    - We had an outstanding Raise the Paddle last year, raising \$40,000 more than the previous year.
    - A new sponsor, Rainbow Sandals, is making a \$5,000 contribution. They are also giving their product, 200 pairs of sandals, to incentivize employee giving.
  - We received a \$100,000 gift from Sue Gross for the nursing program.
11. Adjourned meeting at 9:14 a.m.