

**Moorpark College Foundation**  
**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**7:33 a.m. - 8:56 a.m. – October 6, 2021**  
**Administration Building A-138 and Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**MCF Board of Directors Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Aguilar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill Haney (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Harris	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Hoffman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Peplinski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Pollock	<input type="checkbox"/> Samantha Sale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathryn Stiles(S)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Weaver (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anita Venkataraman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eckhard Walter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julius Sokenu (CFO)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Loprieno			

**Staff Members (Ex-Officio) Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Clark (T)	<input type="checkbox"/> Amanuel Gebru	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Rees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia Hoffman (FC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Maria Perez-Mederios	

**MCF Honorary Board Members Present:**

Sylvia Sullivan

**Guests:** Johnny Conley, MC Director of Student Equity; Timothy Lumas, Raider Central; John Sinutko, MC Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Operations.

**Recorder:** Alicia Hoffman

**C=Chair, VC=Vice Chair, T=Treasurer, MAL=Member-At-Large, FC=Foundation Coordinator**

**The meeting called to order by Chair Jill Haney, a quorum was present.**

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Haney presented the agenda to the board for review.

**Tim Weaver moved to approve the agenda as presented. David Pollock seconded the motion, and the agenda was unanimously approved with a unanimous 8-0 vote.**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Approve the Sept. 1, 2021 Minutes**

Kathryn Stiles presented the Minutes to the board for review.

**David Pollock moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 1, 2021 Board meeting as presented. Tim Weaver seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a unanimous 8-0 vote.**

**III. Chair Report**

Jill Haney delivered the chair report.

**Jennifer Clark joined the meeting at 7:36 a.m.**

**A. Campaign Update**

Chair Haney delivered the report to the Board, showing the campaign is currently 17% of goal. Haney stated she will be calling board members with plans to raise more funds.

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**B. Strategic Plan**

Chair Haney said Kathryn Stiles has volunteered to serve on the Strategic Plan committee and she is still looking for a chair for the committee. She asked interested Board members to call her.

**C. President's Circle Levels**

Chair Haney reported she is still working on revamping the President's Circle levels to change the level amounts and perks for each level.

**D. Basic Needs & Rising Scholars**

Chair Haney introduced Johnny Conley and Timothy Lumas, who provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Basic Needs Center, showing how the need has grown from 2020 to 2021, the reconstruction of Raider Central and the need for Foundation support. The Rising Scholars program was not discussed at this time.

**Anita Venkataraman joined the meeting at 7:53 a.m.**

**IV. COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Update**

President Julius Sokenu reported on the following:

- The state vaccine mandate will take effect on Oct. 15. Campus vaccination rates are up 70%
- Associated Students of Moorpark College is hosting town halls to address concerns surrounding the vaccination mandate and Religious and medical exemptions.
- Students are understanding the need to mask and social distance. There have been no on-campus transmissions since the start of the pandemic
- Some students have withdrawn due to the mandate
- The college is addressing the rest of the semester by having unvaccinated students test twice a week until the end of the semester. They may then enroll in in online classes for the spring semester
- The Latinx Heritage program has been very well received with some powerful speakers. Grammy Award-winning jazz artist Arturo Sandoval will conclude the program Oct. 15 with a Hyflex lecture and concert Oct. 15 in EATM 208. The event is open to the public.
- Meeting with Board members to get to know their interests

**B. Amphitheater presentation**

President Sokenu introduced John Sinutko, who provided a presentation on the proposal to build an Amphitheater on campus, highlighting the following:

- A need for more outdoor classroom and performance spaces
- A lack of performance venues between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara
- The impact on-campus and in the local community for revenue and tourism
- Architectural rendering and specifications, location and acoustics and \$8.5 million cost.

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- Proposal fits within campus and doesn't block views
- Will reduce campus water usage by 80% and still provide green space
- Buy-in from local communities as college representatives present proposal to surrounding city council and planning officials.
- How the proposal fits in the college general plan and becomes a bridge between the community and the campus
- Revenue potential for through renting as a performance space and for business and industry
- Possible funding options to include the following
  - HEERF funds – \$2-\$3 million (construction would need to start before funding runs out Sept. 2023)
  - Partnerships with business and cities
  - Naming rights
  - Requested a Capital Campaign from Foundation

Board members discussed pros and cons of a capital campaign and how the Foundation can leverage the venue to fund the Foundation's mission to assist the college.

**V. BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Tim Weaver reported the committee is currently vetting two possible board members, who will be discussed at the next executive meeting and if recommended will be voted on at the November meeting

**VI. ALUMNI COMMITTEE**

President Sokenu and Jason Peplinski reported the following to the Board:

- The MCAA has started a series of three Alumni Transfer panels that will provide information on the transfer process to students who are approaching the transfer process. The first was held Oct. 5.
- The MCAA will meet at 4 p.m. today
- Profile forms are ready and the MCAA is soliciting alumni to fill out forms to create profiles starting this month.

**David Pollock left the meeting at 8:36 a.m.**

**VII. BUDGET & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Tim Weaver and Jennifer Clark reported on the following:

**A. Monthly Financials**

Jennifer Clark provided the report to the Board, noting that it is early in the fiscal year and the report shows little change. She stated that the committee will be making a few minor changes to the reports concerning how we show restricted and unrestricted funds to make the report clearer. She said she will discuss with our auditor how we report zoo funds and see if we need to make changes in how that is reported, such as adding a "due to" line so assets do not seem inflated.

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**B. Inactive funds**

Tim Weaver reported that Foundation and accounting staff will be meeting with Scholarship staff to determine which inactive scholarship funds should be moved to the general scholarship fund for redistribution and which scholarship are no longer valid and need to be removed from the funds list to simplify reporting.

Jennifer Clark added that the foundation also is looking at other restricted inactive funds, particularly those for departments. Departments will be notified they have the funds available and will receive a spending deadline before they are moved to the general fund.

**Tim Weaver and Eckhard Walter left the meeting at 8:46 a.m.**

**VIII. MARKETING COMMITTEE**

**A. Job Ready Alumni Forum Update**

John Loprieno reported the Job Ready Alumni Forums will resume in the spring.

**B. Marketing events**

John Loprieno reported the Foundation is supporting two outreach event this month: the Oct. 2 Moorpark Country Days and the Oct. 30 Simi Street Fair. Outreach staff will be handing out information about the campus and activities during the event.

**IX. PENDING BUSINESS: None**

Send conflict of interest or commitment letter to Alicia Hoffman.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Anita Venkataraman suggested a few fundraising ideas such as smaller gatherings to help reconnect people with the Foundation cause. Venkataraman reported that she attended the Westlake High School College night at which Moorpark College presented two sessions for high school students. She stated some of the parents' questions illustrated a need for the college to raise awareness of the value and quality of education received at the college and the scope of experience provided at Moorpark College.
- Mary Reese announced that the Moorpark City Manager will be touring the Biotech programs today and discussing the Pathways programs at the college.
- It also was reported that Ventura County Superintendent of Schools Cesar Morales, recently toured the Biotech program as well and is exploring partnerships with county schools.
- John Loprieno reported "Nell Gwenn" performances open this evening in the parking garage and will provide an immersive experience for those who attend.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, Nov 2, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Administration Building A-138 and Via Zoom