

Moorpark College Foundation
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting
8:00am, August 7, 2019
A-138, Moorpark College

MINUTES

MCF Board of Directors Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antonio Castro | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Champion | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Farrenkopf | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jill Haney (C) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Harris | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelli Hays | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Hoffman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Klepper |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Pollock | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathryn Stiles | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sylvia Sullivan (VC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Randy Sundeen |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Weaver | | | |

Staff Members (Ex-Officio) Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silvia Barajas(T) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanuel Gebru | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Schuelke | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julius Sokenu |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Resendiz (EA) | | | |

Guests: Jason Peplinski, SVUSD; Nenagh Brown, Academic Senate President

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

I. Meeting called to order by Chair Jill Haney at 8:01am, a quorum was present.

II. CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Interim President, Julius Sokenu, welcomed everyone to today's meeting and mentioned how proud he is of the work done at the College. He introduced MC Academic Senate President, Nenagh Brown. He shared how lucky Moorpark College is to have an Academic Senate President who understands collaboration and values. Ms. Brown shared various highlights of what's been going on this summer. She provided the following update:

- Academic Senate sponsored a teacher seminar where four full-time faculty and two part-time faculty attended.
- Summer term has gone up 9% and it's been one of the busiest summers.
- Additional DE offerings are doing well.
- Currently working with the DAC to make a se on a winter intersession and compressed calendar.
- Dual enrollment will be huge this coming academic year. There will be two classes at Simi Valley Unified School District. This last two summers we have had classes at Las Virgenes Unified School District. We also have more faculty participating.
- Our Study Abroad program is back. President Sokenu is very supportive on having this program. This summer 10 students traveled to Greece and Italy with one of our math and theatre arts instructors. We are hoping to have a semester long study abroad. Our choir had an amazing trip to the Czech Republic in Austria taking 40 students on a choir tour.
- Ms. Brown made an invitation to the Board to attend Friday's Convocation Day from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. She mentioned that next week's Professional Development is packed with incredible presentations as well as a keynote address on student completion by design.
- Bricks have been organized this summer. Ms. Brown thanked the Board for their sponsorship. This is something that will be done every other year. Dozens of faculty have been recognized and Classified Professional will be included in this tradition.

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III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Silvia Barajas shared that VP Amanuel Gebru will not be able to join the meeting today as he is welcoming students to Guided Pathways.

She reported that a donation was received from the Ferguson Foundation. They are big supporters of the zoo and of the tigers in particular. They are closing down their foundation and have donated \$200,000; \$130,000 for scholarships and \$70,000 for tiger enclosures. She mentioned that auditors are expected in 2 weeks for an audit. She mentioned that a budget meeting will be convened later this month or late August. A report will be available for approval in October. She mentioned that SCE awarded \$25,000 for STEM students.

V. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Jill Haney reported on the following:

It was discussion on committees took place at the Executive Committee meeting. Haney emailed everyone and have postponed the Educators Ball indefinitely due to not being ready and all the changes going on. She mentioned that the Corporate Sponsorship Committee will be rolled into an Alumni Committee or individual major or individual donors. By doing this, we will have less committees and more focus on alumni. Haney asked the members of the Corporate Sponsorship Committee (Scott, Amanuel, Silvia, David and Kelly) if they wanted to be moved to the alumni committee. Since there were some members missing, she will email everyone for a decision.

Chair Haney mentioned that she and Julius met regarding the Alumni Committee. An issue that is encountered is the push back from the college in providing names of alumni. Julius Sokenu and Silvia Barajas will meet with the registrar as a start.

Chair Haney mentioned about having a Board retreat late September or early October. Haney will talk with James. She sent Julius the notes from the last retreat. She mentioned that great ideas always come out of the retreat, but need to start with basics. More board members are needed.

Parking Permits – Haney asked who needed parking permits and jotted down their names. Linda Resendiz will email new parking permits to those that need them.

VI. COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Interim President Sokenu began by thanking everyone for what they do for Moorpark College. He then shared the Moorpark College is thriving and doing well. He stated that the goodwill from the committee is what helps us get credit. He discussed that there has been a lot of flux, but it is now calming down. He announced that Mary Rees will be taking over the Vice President of Academic Affairs position on Monday. He added that Mary has been the current Dean of CTE and Physical Sciences. He mentioned that one of our deans was appointed as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Ventura College and another dean transferred which left us with gaps. New deans have been hired. Dr. Kushnar Dadbhoy from Bakersfield will be the new Dean of Student Services. Dr. Matt

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Calfin from Grossmont College will be the new Dean of ACCESS, Kinesiology, Athletics, Library, Math, DE & Teaching and Learning. An interim dean will be hired to replace Mary's position. To add to the hiring, new classified managers have been hired. Claudia Wilroy has been hired as the new Director of Outreach and International and Claudia Sitlington as the Supervisor of Student Support.

Adding to the President's report, Silvia Barajas mentioned that the STEM scholarship will help support STEM students. We are working on an important grant with the navy. This will help with pre-career training and support courses. It will be a \$500,000 grant for a period of 3 years. It will support technology and manufacturing.

Dr. Sokenu mentioned that new programs and projects will be starting on campus. Gilbert Downs talked about the Textbook Lending Library which will kick-off on August 13th. He said that this has been a project that has been in the works for over a year. He mentioned that he worked with various groups to raise funds. He added that we are very fortunate to have come up with the funding to purchase intermediate books for students and that the Veterans' Lending Library was absorbed to this. He said that there will be 4,000 books to be loaned out between 10 am and 12noon and 4-6pm. He added that the hope is to assist as many students as possible. Additionally, there will be calculators for long and short term checkout. The hope is to have laptops available for lending at the end of September.

Silvia Barajas mentioned that there is a last minute construction project and new high school classes. She mentioned that the gym is nearing completion. She added the solar panels being planned for the parking was a failed district project. The hope is for it to come in fruition in the winter. The biggest accomplishment was the creation of computers labs in the health sciences to be shared with allied health and engineering.

Silvia Barajas added that as a college, we always try to put our best face forward. She mentioned how the promise program came unprecedently. She said that we have chosen to use AB19 funds to support students. Our promise looks different from the other campuses. Ours will offer students a lot of resources and support. Students will be required to fill out a FAFSA regardless of their need. We currently have close to 3,000 new students in order to qualify, but only 250 have completed a FAFSA and were awarded the promise. If students don't apply, we cannot award them anything. AB19 is written to allow us to provide other opportunities to meet goals due to outreach and bring in disproportionate impacted students. It is also used to support our Rising Scholars Program.

VII. COMMITTEE PLANS

Michael Hoffman said that David, Bill and himself met last week and welcome any new members and anyone else who wants to join. At their first meeting, goals and objectives were set. They will be seeking out the 3 major donors of over \$50,000. He encouraged members to go out and seek donors. He said that there is a template that is used to bring donors aboard. Also, they are looking at opportunities and costs for naming of buildings on campus. They will be speaking to the Executive Committee regarding this. He added that David Mirisch had looked into this, but nothing came out of it. Ways to support potential donors will be discussed.

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VIII. PENDING BUSINESS

- A. Commitment Letter – Haney distributed the letter to the Board and asked everyone to email her back. She revised what the commitment of the Board is. It was suggested to change August 2019 to July 2020. It was also mentioned that Board meetings are confidential.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election – Jason Peplinski from Simi Valley Unified School district was approved as a new Board member.

- X. **Adjourn** at 9:08am

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, DATE, 8-9:30am, A-138