



## Board Meeting Minutes January 28, 2025

- Board Members:** Laurie Brandt, Gino DiGregorio, Janan Johnson, David Liaw, Laurie Love, Victoria Lozzi, Wesley Marshall, Katherine Maschler, Brooke Matson, McKenzie Neely-Wright, Jason Nishiyama, Ann O'Brien, Richard Rede, Tamara Ritchey Powers, Brenda Thames, Paul Wafer, Mark Waronek
- Absent:** Komal Ahmed, Mark Burton, Roy Dietz, Angie Gilbride, Cynthia Grande, Kelsey Iino, Laurie McCarthy, Darcie McClelland, Daniel Shrader, Ben Steinberger, Rob Van Lingen, Clay Zachry
- Staff:** Andrea Sala, Kate Choi, Nancy Tonner, Heidi Wang
- Recorder:** Nancy Tonner
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President Janan Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Approve Consent Agenda:

*Laurie Love made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mark Waronek seconded. Motion passed.*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

### NON-CONSENT AGENDA

#### I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janan Johnson

- 1) Dr. Tom Sayles and Dr. Gayle Ball-Parker, CSUDH, gave a presentation on the Presidential Scholars Scholarship program and a request for \$10,000 to fund a scholarship specifically for an ECC student annually.

*Richard Rede made a motion to fund a Presidential Scholars Scholarship at \$10,000 for two years for an ECC student. Funds to come from the Miscellaneous Scholarship fund. Brooke Matson seconded. Tamara Ritchey Powers abstained. Motion passed.*

- 2) Dean Dr. Chris Gold, and Professors Xocoyotzin Herrera and Dr. Argelia Andrade presented a funding request of \$10,000 for the 2025 Study Abroad program.

*Mark Waronek made a motion to fund up to \$14,000 for 20 students to receive \$680 each to attend the 2025 Study Abroad program in Spain with instructions to review the process if funds are requested for 2026. Laurie Brandt seconded. Motion passed.*

- 3) Dr. Cynthia Mosqueda, Faculty Coordinator, FYE & SB Promise presented her funding request of \$25,000 for the First Year Experience Financial Aid and Advocacy Student Training (FAAST) program.

- Discussion ensued with many questions and concerns about the program.

- Andrea Sala will meet with Dr. Mosqueda to review program and get answers to questions and invite her to attend the March Board of Directors meeting.

## **II. BOARD GOVERNANCE**

Laurie Love

- 1) 2024-25 Board Policy Review
  - Will review three policies in the spring for approval by the end of the 2025 FY.
- 2) Eman Dalili Board Resignation
  - Love read letter from Eman Dalili to resign from Board due to increase in job responsibilities.

*Love made a motion to accept resignation from Eman Dalili. Richard Rede seconded. Motion passed.*

## **III. FINANCIALS**

Gino DiGregorio for Clay Zachry

- 1) December 31, 2024 Financials
  - We had a great year, especially with fundraising.
  - Asset base grew.
  - Negative fourth quarter due to international investments being down, but growing enough to support our goals.
  - Sala explained investments held in the Haag Charitable Remainder Uni Trust (CRUT) have been fully disbursed and re-invested in the ECCF Haag Endowment account.

## **IV. OPERATIONS**

Brooke Matson

- 1) Scholarship Update
  - The 2025-26 Scholarship Application closed on December 24 and now it's time to review and rank the applications.
  - This year we have 1,602 applications to review, 400 more than last year, so we really need the Board's help.
  - Reviewers will read and rank approximately 30-35 applications, which should take about six hours to complete (they don't have to be completed all at one time).
  - Reading and ranking will start on February 10 and they will need to be completed in two weeks.
  - Nancy Tonner will send an email with specifics. Please respond to the email to confirm participation with her.

## **V. ECC STUDENT REPORT**

Wesley Marshall

- ASO held Finals Madness Week in December.
- ASO planning winter retreat and welcome week activities.

## **VI. ECC PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Dr. Brenda Thames

- We have a 3-4% increase in spring enrollment, but will not reach our enrollment goal. Do not expect to reach enrollment goals until 26-27 and therefore will not collect COLA this year.
- Just returned from Sacramento to meet with representatives. Topics included immigration enforcement and diversity. Not sure what impact this will have on Federal funding of programs and grants.

- Received a modest one-time allocation for funding from the state, but nobody knows what's going to happen in the future, especially with wildfires crisis.
- Working with enrollment services on identification practices to avoid fraud. We're finding that people sign up for classes, complete FAFSA paperwork, receive funds then drop classes.
- Expect to open the new Modular Village in 30-60 days. Waiting on electrical certificate. Village will house the Warrior Pantry, Warrior Closet, Warrior Wellness Center, and include a Dance/Pilates Studio.
- Our first group of Respiratory Care students graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in December.
- Sala reported that President Thames was being honored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on February 13 during their Black History Month Celebration event, along with five additional honorees.

## **VII. STAFF REPORT**

Andrea Sala/Heidi Wang

- 1) President's Circle/Community Partners Update
  - Tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.
- 2) President's Circle Event w/South Bay Lakers Recap
  - Event was successful and a good time was had by all attendees.

## **VIII. DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:45 pm.**