



Board Meeting Minutes September 24, 2024

Board Members: Komal Ahmed, Laurie Brandt, Gino DiGregorio, Roy Dietz, Kelsey Iino, Janan Johnson, Laurie Love, Wesley Marshall, Katherine Maschler, Brooke Matson, Laurie McCarthy, Darcie McClelland, McKenzie Neely-Wright, Jason Nishiyama, Ann O'Brien, Tamara Ritchey Powers, Brenda Thames, Rob Van Lingen, Mark Waronek

Absent: Nina Bailey, Mark Burton, Eman Dalili, Angie Gilbride, Cynthia Grande, David Liaw, Victoria Lozzi, Richard Rede, Ben Steinberger, Daniel Shrader, Paul Wafer, Clay Zachry

Staff: Andrea Sala, Kate Choi, Nancy Tonner, Heidi Wang

Recorder: Nancy Tonner

President Janan Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

1) Approve Consent Agenda:

Mark Waronek made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kelsey Iino seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

I. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Janan Johnson

- 1) Welcomed new Board members Angie Gilbride, Victoria Lozzi, Wesley Marshall, McKenzie Neely-Wright, Roy Dietz, and Darcie McClelland.
- 2) Kenny Simpkins, LBGTQIA+ Student Success Coordinator, gave a presentation on the different programs and services offered through the Student Equity & Achievement department.
- 3) Dr. Joanna Nacheff, Director of Chorale, presented her funding request of \$12,640 for the Chorale to attend this years Music Association of California Community Colleges Conference.

Komal Ahmed made a motion to approve \$12,640 plus 10% contingency to fund student attendance at the Music Association of California Community Colleges Conference. McKenzie Neely-Wright seconded. Motion passed.

- 4) Mark Waronek reported on the Fundraising Committee meeting. Presented our 2024 Annual Giving Campaign and new Mini and Major Grant programs.

Waronek made a motion from the Fundraising Committee to approve up to \$100,000 to fund the Mini Grant program requests for fall 2024. Brooke Matson seconded. Motion passed.

- 5) Dan Tichenor, Graystone Consulting, gave an investment overview for fiscal year 23/24. Stated we had a really good year.
- 6) Johnson encouraged Board members to conduct Warrior Pantry Donation Drives in their communities.

II. BOARD GOVERNANCE

Laurie Love

- 1) 2024-25 Board Policy Review
 - Will review Bylaws and Scholarship Disbursement Policies this year.
- 2) Strategic Plan Presentation
 - Tamara Ritchey Powers, representing the Strategic Plan Committee, presented our Three-Year Strategic Plan.
 - Committee met and established three key priorities and seven goals and measurable objectives.
 - The Foundation Mission Statement was also revised in the Strategic Plan as follows: *To support the success of students, faculty, and staff in the pursuit of their higher educational goals and career objectives by strategically developing community relationships and raising funds.*

Johnson made a motion to approve the revised Mission Statement. Brooke Matson seconded. Motion passed.

Ritchey Powers made a motion from the Strategic Plan Committee to approve the Three-Year Strategic Plan as presented. Jason Nishiyama seconded. Motion passed.

III. FINANCIALS

Andrea Sala for Clay Zachry

- 1) 2024-25 Budget Approval
 - Sala reviewed 2024-25 budget revisions and asked for approval.

Gino DiGregorio made a motion to approve the 2024-25 Budget. Komal Ahmed seconded. Motion passed.

IV. OPERATIONS

Brooke Matson

- 1) Scholarship Update
 - To date we have awarded 544 scholarships for a total of \$800,862 for fall 2024. We anticipate awarding 31 additional scholarships in October for an overall total of \$877,382.
 - Students are currently activating scholarships.
 - 2025-26 Scholarship Application opened on September 9 and will close on December 22.

V. ECC STUDENT REPORT

Wesley Marshall

- ASO participated in welcome week.
- Club Rush will be held week of September 30th.

VI. ECC PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Brenda Thames

- Apportionment deficit – For the last three years the college has been funded above our current enrollment and that will discontinue this year. At this point we are

currently short 1,500 students. Also, the State is giving us less money than promised to support students this year, so we have a deficit of approximately \$5M and are working to adjust our budgets. It is a very difficult challenge and she thanked the Foundation for helping with funding for Major and Mini Grants.

- Professional Development Day was held on August 22.
- Enrollment is up 5.4% and we are seeing a lot more students on campus this year.
- The Comprehensive Integrated Plan (CIP) was completed. Five areas were identified to concentrate on over three years. The Mission Statement was also updated.
- The modular village housing the Warrior Pantry/Closet, Student Wellness Center, and Dance Studio is anticipated to be completed in December in Lot L.
- The South Bay Regional Safety Training Center is in the infrastructure stage and is expected to open in 36 months.
- Received our first NSF Grant for Data Science for \$600,000.
- A successful President's Breakfast was held in September for Superintendents and Principals featuring our MESA program.
- Co-sponsored Senate Bill 895 for bachelor's degrees in Allied Health fields.
- Athletics program going strong, come out and watch.
- Art Gallery presenting a lot of activities.
- Currently forming an advisory committee for Center for the Arts to help develop programming.
- Conducting a satellite teaching pilot program with South and Inglewood High Schools to offer classes to students in our northern and southern most areas.
- Creating a Community Connect program featuring subjects such as care for caregivers and how to start your own business. Expect 30-40 people to attend to hear from a panel of experts and ask questions.

VII. STAFF REPORT

Andrea Sala/Heidi Wang

1) Sharer Scholars Program

- New scholarship for transfer students to a UC or CSU.
- Five students will receive a \$16,000 scholarship. Students will receive an \$800 check for 10 months for two years to help pay for living expenses.
- Student must have a strong financial need, hold a 3.4 or higher GPA, be a California resident, and majoring in science, pre-health, business, economics, engineering or education.

VII. DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS

- Sala reported we hired a new Auditor this year, CWDL, and are very happy with their services. Audit is complete; the Audit Committee will review and meet with CWDL, and the final audit will be presented at the November Foundation Board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:03 pm.