



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION MINUTES

June 9, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. – ZOOM

SBVC Foundation Board Directors Present/Absent:

P	Susan Bangasser	P	Kenneth Lane	P	Michael Sola
A	Paul Bratulin	P	Mike Layne	A	Scott Stark
A	Davena Burns-Peters	P	Justin Martinez	P	Edward Szumski
P	Dennis Byas	P	Kerry Neal	P	Dexter Thomas
A	Taylor DeBenedictis	A	Patricia Nickols-Butler	A	Jose Torres
P	John Echevarria	A	Faye Pointer	A	Bea Valdez
P	Robert Garcia	P	Beverly Powell	A	Anne Viricel
A	Gary Kelly	A	Zohaib Rehman		
P	Allynn Jackson	P	Diana Z. Rodriguez		

SBVC Staff: Phylcia Sanchez

Guests: Carol Dixon

I. Call to Order:

President Dennis Byas called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes from May 12, 2021

Thomas moved, Lane seconded, minutes were approved.

III. SBVC President's Report

- President Rodriguez thanked Mike and Phylcia for all the hard work they have done in the Foundation Office over the past year, accomplishing many tasks during the pandemic.
- The Board was reminded that Mike is currently serving as the interim Director. HR has flown the permanent position. President Rodriguez hopes to have the director's position filled and Board approved before she moves to the Chancellor's position.
- This year SBVC students received over 2,400 degrees and certificates. This is the most that our institution has awarded in its 94 years of existence, and they did it during a pandemic.
- With the help of the community and employees, the college was able to decrease the shortage of students during the pandemic from 2,000 students to about 800 students.

IV. Committee Reports

a) Alumni – Ed Szumski

Szumski would like to attend the Board Retreat to promote the Alumni Association to the new board members.

b) Board Development – Susan Bangasser

Bangasser thanked the Board for their assistance in nominating the new board members. Bangasser asked for a motion to approve the new board members whose term will begin on July 1, 2021. The new board members include the following:

Scott Henderson
Sheriff John McMahon
Deputy Robert O'Brine
Shelby Obershaw
Lisa Obershaw-Durham

Joe Paulino
Thomas Robles
George San Martin
Hon. Lawrence Stirling

Jackson motioned the approval of the new board members, Byas seconded. The motion was approved.

- c) Finance – Dennis Byas
No report.
- d) Strategic Planning – Dennis Byas
No report.
- e) Fundraising – Dennis Byas
No report.
- f) Audit – Dennis Byas
No report.

V. Budget Report: Mike Layne

1. The Board was provided with the Foundation's current budget through the end of April. During April, the investment account accrued over \$170,000 in market value. The amount will always fluctuate due to the ups and downs of the market. The investment account is doing very well. The Board was reminded that there was \$200,000 withdrawn from the checking account and deposited into the investment account last year. The funds were transferred due to the excessive balance that was in the checking account. The Executive Board approved the transfer of \$250,000 from the investment account to the checking account to cover student scholarships for spring 2021 and to pay for the event planner for the 95th gala.

VI. Director-'s Report: Mike Layne

- The Foundation received the notification of receiving \$24,000 from the passing of Mr. Scott Fruchter. There will also be \$30,000 donate from Mr. Fruchter's estate will be used to start a scholarship in Mr. Fruchter's name.
- We also received notification from an alumni Ms. Trish Caldwell, that she is listing the SBVC Foundation as a beneficiary of her 401K. Ms. Caldwell attended SBVC in the '70s and completed courses in geography. Ms. Caldwell had a career in mapping with the CIA.
- We are waiting on the notification for the two federal grant applications submitted for the Talent Search Program through the US Department of Education. Grant award notices are expected to be announced before the end of September.
- The Foundation submitted a significant proposal to Edison, who would then submit the proposal to the California Public Utility Commission. Once the California Public Utility Commission meets on June 15, 2021, the specifics will be released to the Board regarding the proposal. The proposal concerns the transportation electrification industry and provides career pathway opportunities for students to operate and maintain electric and zero-emission vehicles, buses, and cars shuttle trucks.
- Carol Dixon presented on the 95th gala fundraiser. The gala is scheduled for Saturday, January 22nd, at 5 pm. The gala theme is Great Expectations, which is focused on a

combination of Dickens and steampunk. We would like to have students and alumni involved in the event to tell their stories. In addition, we are looking for large and small sponsors and donations of opportunity prizes and auction prizes for the event. We will also be selling individual dinner tickets for \$125 and corporate tables for \$2,000. The Board is encouraged to volunteer for the event and assist in bringing sponsors. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$250,000.

- The Foundation has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Bank of America to support the Uniquely Able Project. The pilot program is also supported by Goodwill, the Department of Rehabilitation, and the San Bernardino County Workforce Development. The program will provide job training and job placement for individuals with autism. The Goodwill has already pledged \$10,000, but the program needs \$15,000 to pay for the job coach's position. Thomas motioned the approval of \$15,000 to support the Uniquely Able Program, Ken seconded. The motion was approved.
- Phylcia Sanchez reported on scholarships. So far, the Foundation has awarded \$320,140 in scholarships. We are still waiting on the award amount for the Community Foundation Scholarship and the Molly Adams Scholarship. There were 665 total scholarships awarded, and there were 442 students that received scholarships. The scholarship checks will be disbursed to the students by the end of June.
- The Board Retreat is scheduled for August 12th from 9 am to 12 pm. Board members will have the option to attend the retreat in person or through Zoom. During the retreat, the Board will be provided with an overview of the investment account, the progress of the strategic plan, and other updates.

VII. Old Business: Dennis Byas

No report

VIII. New Business: Dennis Byas

No report.

IX. Other:

- President Rodriguez was congratulated on becoming Chancellor of SBCCD.
- Powell announced that former board member Ms. Lois Carson is turning 90 years old on July 3rd. Ms. Carson is asking in lieu of gifts if donations could be made towards her scholarship with the Foundation.

X. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Scott Thayer, Secretary