



MPC

FOUNDATION

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

4:00 PM

MEETING IN PERSON

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carla Becerra
Susie Boutonnet
Tom Clifford
Jason Griffin
Dr. Alfred Hochstaedter
Jean Hurd
Stephan Lins
Mary Alice Rennick
Maria Ruess
Joe Servi
Joyce Simon (at 4:16 pm)
Lin Sullivan
Jeanette Walton
Theresa Wright
Linda Yellich
Marc Zacovic, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Debbie Anthony
Andrew Ausonio
Steve Cardinali
Jeremy Green
Steve Haigler
Evelyne Lamson
Patricia Milowicki
Nathan Steen

STAFF PRESENT

Beccie Michael
Gina Bianchi (Remote)
Allison Payne (Remote)
Annie Tarbox

1. **Meeting called to order by Stephan Lins, President at 4:08 P.M.**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

3. **RECOGNITION /GUESTS**

Elias Kary, MPC Professor of Anthropology.

4. **APPROVAL of May 17, 2023, MINUTES – Stephan Lins, PRESIDENT**

Joe Servi made a motion to approve the May 17, 2023.

Second: Theresa Wright

All in Favor: Carla Becerra, Susie Boutonnet, Tom Clifford, Jason Griffin, Dr. Alfred Hochstaedter, Jean Hurd, Stephan Lins, Mary Alice Rennick, Joe Servi, Lin Sullivan, Theresa Wright, Linda Yellich, Marc Zacovic, Ph.D.

Nays: None

Abstentions: Maria Ruess, Jeanette Walton

Motion Carries.

5. **CAMPUS PRESENTATION**

Elias Kary, Anthropology Chair. Dr. Kary presented the results of his most recent FASA grant, which helped fund a student intern who photographed and cataloged for online posting the entire anthropology lab/museum contents for all students (both on-campus and off campus) to use.

6. **BUSINESS**

A. **Faculty & Staff Advancement Awards (Linda Yellich, FASA Chair)**

- Linda Yellich presented that for the month of June, there was one new applicant for FASA, and that request was recommended to be fully funded.
- The request is \$850 for Celia Lara of the Photography Department (Creative Arts) to cover the costs of framing and shipping artwork for the instructor's and nine students' photography for an international exhibit in Sardinia from June to October.

Stephan Lins made a motion to approve the FASA request as recommended by the FASA Advisory Group.

Second: Joyce Simon

All in Favor: Carla Becerra, Susie Boutonnet, Tom Clifford, Jason Griffin, Dr. Alfred Hochstaedter, Jean Hurd, Stephan Lins, Mary Alice Rennick, Maria Ruess, Joe Servi, Joyce Simon, Lin Sullivan, Jeanette Walton, Theresa Wright, Linda Yellich, Marc Zacovic, Ph.D.

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carries.

7. INFORMATION/REPORTS

A. College Superintendent/President's Report - Mark Zacovic, Ph.D.

- Dr. Zacovic reported that summer enrollment has achieved pre-pandemic summer levels, with a headcount of approximately 3,000 students.
- Progress is being made on the 30-month ERP project. We are currently about six months in and things are going well.
- The new website for the college is expected to roll out around the end of this calendar year
- The new intranet site for the college should start to roll out during the fall semester. We've signed a three-year contract with a national firm to help with that process.
- Other bond activities are in full swing, with three main actions due to occur: the current Welcome center (General Classrooms building) on campus is due to be torn down and replaced, the three-building music complex on the other side of the ravine will be torn down and replaced, and the Marina Education Center will have a \$40 million expansion, with the Nursing program, Dental Assistance program, Medical Tech program, and Hospitality and Culinary Arts programs all due to relocate to the Marina Education Center.
- Once the Marina Education Center along with the Public Safety Training Center achieve "Center" status with enrollment figures, they will qualify for an additional \$1.5 million in District funding per year.
- Dr. Fulbright, our new President/Superintendent, will be starting on July 10th. He'll be living in Marina with his 10-year-old son.
- This is Dr. Zacovic's final meeting. He expressed that it has been an honor and a privilege to work with the Foundation Board during his time at MPC.

B. President's Report – Stephan Lins, Board President

- President Lins shared that ideas from the Board Assessment conducted earlier this year are already being implemented, such as the name card pre-placement for this afternoon's board meeting. There are plans to incorporate more ideas from the assessment going forward.
- We are working on putting together a meet and greet with Dr. Fulbright for Foundation board members. The date and time will be announced.
- June 30th will be a farewell brunch for Dr. Zacovic in the Sam Karas room from 9 to 11am. President Lins thanked Dr. Zacovic for his participation in the President's Circle, and for supporting the Foundation from the college.
- President Lins announced that the President's Luncheon will be held on Friday, August 25th at the Marriott, and that tickets would go on sale in July for the event. It's a fun event, and a major one for the Foundation.
- The executive committee is scheduled to meet on July 19th if there is any actionable business, such as a FASA request.
- President Lins reminded everyone that he next full board meeting will be on August 9th. It will be a short meeting because immediately following the meeting, we will be signing and writing notes for Gala invitations. We'll have happy hour with wine and snacks, and we will try to encourage as many

people as we can to attend the Gala. We'll be inviting some former board members and other close friends of the Foundation to join us during the happy hour invitation signing. It will be a lot of fun!

C. Executive Director's Report – Beccie Michael

- We've been invited to partner with Building Business Back, an initiative under Monterey County that is helping organizations recover from the effects of the pandemic. They made a generous \$10k investment, and we are helping to get the word out about their events and services available to local businesses and non-profits. I included some information in an email to the board in May, and will continue to share as they add more topics/workshops. They will also be hosting a booth at our upcoming President's Lunch on 8/25.
- We completed the brochure/booklet about the Foundation and mailed it to 6000 contacts in our database. Extra copies are in the back - please take as many as you'd like to give to your contacts.
- I'd like to gauge interest in a "Fun with Financials" Lunch & Learn in early September...
- Grants Awarded: \$100,000 (over three years) through a sub-award from the National Science Foundation in support of the Cross-Institutional Faculty Learning to Improve Critical Transitions in STEM Education pilot project at CSUMB in which MPC applied as a partner institution. The project is funded through NSF's HSI IUSE program Improving Undergraduate STEM Education, and will result in a professional learning model for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) faculty designed to transform student retention and progression in STEM.
- Grant Proposals Submitted:
 - U.S. Bank – We submitted a grant proposal requesting sponsorship of the Evening of Opportunity gala.
 - Rotary Club of Monterey – Submitted a grant proposal requesting \$7,500 in support of the MPC Internship Endowment.
- Grants In Progress: We are working on grant proposals in support of the MPC Internship Endowment to submit to:
 - Bank of the West
 - Monterey Peninsula Foundation
 - Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop
- Scholarships: Gina is continuing to work with donors to establish new scholarships - we have five in progress right now!

D. Board Nominations Update – Jean Hurd, Chair

- Jean shared the MPC Board Nominations Information and Process document (distributed to all board members present and sent out over email).
- Nominations are accepted until July 31, 2023
- All board members are expected to submit at least one board nomination (and Jean will be calling individual board members)
- The nominating advisory group will review submitted nominations starting in early August, and may consider nominations from previous years who did not join the Board.
- Names will be brought forth for Board approval at the September Board meeting, then new members attend the new Board member orientation in December and begin their new terms in January 2024.
- We currently have two nominations so far.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meeting, August 9, 2023, 4:00-5:00 pm Sam Karas Room
- Gala Invitation Signing, August 9, 2023 5:00 – 6:30 pm Sam Karas Room (Wine and snacks provided)
- June 30th, Dr. Zacovic farewell – 9-11am
- President's Award Luncheon, August 25, 2023 (Monterey Marriott Ballroom)

9. Meeting Adjourned by Stephan Lins at 4:59 PM

Minutes presented by Annie Tarbox on behalf of Evelyne Lamson, Secretary.