



MPC

FOUNDATION

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

4:00 PM

MEETING IN PERSON AND ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Anthony
Andrew Ausonio
Jeremy Green
Fred Hochstaedter
Evelyne Lamson
Mary Alice Rennick
Joyce Simon
Nathan Steen
Jeanette Walton
Linda Yellich
Steve Cardinalli
Ron Eastman
Patricia Milowicki
Tom Pesce
Peter Purdue
Pamela Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carla Becerra
Tom Clifford
Jason Griffin
Maria Rengifo-Ruess
Joe Servi
Theresa Wright
Dr. Fulbright, III
Steve Haigler

STAFF PRESENT

Beccie Michael
Gina Bianchi
Gerardo Olivares
Jessica Uhlig

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Jeremy Green, President at 4:10 P.M.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

3. **RECOGNITION/GUESTS**

4. **WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS (Jeremy Green, President)**

Introduction and welcoming of new board members, Ron Eastman, Tom Pesce, Peter Purdue, and Pamela Stewart.

5. **APPROVAL of December 6, 2023, MINUTES (Jeremy Green, President)**

Joyce Simon made a motion to approve the December 6, 2023 Minutes, as presented.

Second: Pamela Stewart

All in Favor: Debbie Anthony, Andrew Ausonio, Ron Eastman, Jeremy Green, Fred Hochstaedter, Evelyne Lamson, Patricia Milowicki, Tom Pesce, Peter Purdue, Mary Alice Rennick, Nathan Steen, Jeanette Walton, Linda Yellich

Nays: None

Abstentions: Steve Cardinalli

Motion Carries.

6. **BUSINESS**

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

- Linda Yellich informed the Board that there were two applications received this month, however, the first was not a complete application, and the second was not able to attend the conference as anticipated. Therefore, there are no requests for approval at this time.

B. 2024 Conflict of Interest Forms (Jeremy Green)

- Jeremy Green reminded the Board to sign the Conflict of Interest forms provided and Foundation staff will collect and retain the signed copies. An online [Conflict of Interest form](#) is also available. These forms must be signed by each Board member annually, which is verified by our auditors.

C. Strategic Plan Review and Progress Update (Beccie Michael, Executive Director)

- Beccie Michael provided an annual progress report of what the Foundation accomplished last year, and priorities for the next year. Beccie stated that the Foundation's Strategic Plan was deliberately set to expire at the same time as MPC's Educational Master Plan to ensure the following years' planning timelines would be synchronized. Both are set to expire in 2025. Input was taken from various stakeholder groups including Foundation staff and Board members, MPC faculty, staff, students, donors, retirees including emeriti, alumni, and other community members. She reviewed the concentration for the strategy, which is growth, and three strategic priorities: Student Empowerment, Community Awareness and Engagement, Sustained Growth.

D. Board Priorities for Strategic Plan Implementation (Jeremy Green)

- Jeremy Green would like to have the Board come up with ideas to meet and exceed expectations through committing to bringing potential donors to an event, or hosting a luncheon, for example. The Board brainstormed more ideas together and Jeremy will be putting a sign up list together.

7. **INFORMATION/REPORTS**

A. College Supt./President's Report (Dr. Marshall Fullbright, III)

- Tabled due to Dr. Marshall Fulbright's absence

B. President's Report (Jeremy Green)

- Jeremy Green reported that the MC Gives! Campaign raised \$28,788 that will be matched by almost 10%, invested into the internship endowment, and then doubled by the Title V Grant. Our goal is \$600,000 by September 2025.
- The Lobo Hall of Fame is March 15, 2024 at the Monterey Marriott. Reservations are on sale now - \$100/person or sponsorships start at \$1500 with one premiere sponsor opportunity at \$10,000. The Distinguished Alumni awardees are Stephan Lins, Rick Johnson, Alexandria Leavenworth, and Lt. Col. Gregory Mislick. The Alumni Athlete awardees are Dr. Jamal Splane, Les Waddel, Veronica (Ware) Golden, Rebecca Pokrzywinski-Caguimbal, and Sandy McFarland (posthumous).

C. Investment Committee Report (Nate Steen, Chair)

- Nate Steen reported that we had a strong finish to 2023 with over \$1M in Q4 to the endowment. Total value assets as of 12/31/23 was \$12,586,000. Not many changes to asset allocation. We are looking forward to another strong year.

D. Gift Fee Taskforce Report (Fred Hochstaedter, Chair)

- Fred Hochstaedter reiterated that the Foundation does not charge administration fees on donations, where other colleges and foundations do. The taskforce had a meeting where

Foundation staff provided a summary of fee structures implemented by other colleges. They plan to meet again to discuss further and prepare a recommendation to bring to the Board possibly by next month.

E. Executive Director's Report (Beccie Michael, Executive Director)

- Beccie Michael encouraged the Board to attend the "Year in Review: Empowered by You" virtual event on 2/8/24 at 4:30pm.
- The Lobo Hall of Fame is seeking sponsorships and will be sending a letter to former inductees asking them to attend, contribute if they wish, and/or contribute to the Lobo Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund.
- Beccie noted the Foundation's intern, Fauzan, will be returning and his work is amazing and benefits the Foundation immensely. The Foundation is seeking a social media intern as well.
- One grant has been submitted and there are 2 grant proposals in the works.
- The Foundation received great feedback from the Evans CIP students at a recent Spring Success event, and handed out checks to those who were meeting all program requirements.
- Scholarship workshops have begun and Gina and Annie have been going to the local high schools to work with their students in preparation for transitioning to community college.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meeting, February 21, 2024, 4:00-5:00pm (location TBD)

9. Meeting Adjourned by Jeremy Green at 5:27 PM

Minutes presented by Jessica Uhlig on behalf of Evelyne Lamson, Secretary.