



MPC

FOUNDATION

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

4:00 PM

MEETING IN PERSON AND ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Anthony
Andrew Ausonio
Tom Clifford
Dr. Fulbright, III
Jeremy Green
Jason Griffin
Steve Haigler
Patricia Milowicki
Tom Pesce
Peter Purdue
Mary Alice Rennick
Pamela Stewart
Joe Servi
Theresa Wright
Linda Yellich

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carla Becerra
Steve Cardinali
Ron Eastman
Fred Hochstaedter
Evelyne Lamson
Maria Ruess
Joyce Simon
Nathan Steen
Jeanette Walton

STAFF PRESENT

Gina Bianchi
Beccie Michael
Annie Tarbox
Allison Payne
Jessica Uhlig

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Jeremy Green, President at 4:04 P.M.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

3. **RECOGNITION/GUESTS**

4. **APPROVAL of FEBRUARY 21, 2024 MINUTES (Jeremy Green, President)**

Mary Alice Rennick made a motion to approve the February 21, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

Second: Theresa Wright

All in Favor: Debbie Anthony, Andrew Ausonio, Tom Clifford, Dr. Fulbright, Jeremy Green, Jason Griffin, Steve Haigler, Patricia Milowicki, Tom Pesce, Peter Purdue, Mary Alice Rennick, Pamela Stewart, Joe Servi, Linda Yellich, Theresa Wright

Nays: None

Abstentions: None.

Motion Carries.

5. **CAMPUS PRESENTATION: MPC Theater Arts Program Updates (Todd Siff, Theater Arts Faculty & Dept. Chair)**

- Mr. Siff spoke to the Board about MPC's Theater Arts Program. He let the Board know there has not been a main-stage production since 2020. The program's upcoming production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka in April will be their first since 2020. The production consists of 38 actors, of which 32 are full time MPC students; a backstage crew

of all MPC students, and a live orchestra with 6 MPC students. This production will feature dramatic costumes and effects like a live camera aspect and flying people. The program will be hosting field trips for local schools to watch the play.

- Mr. Siff explained that the Theater Arts program will be producing the works of Edgar Allen Poe during Halloween, hosting local middle school students who are simultaneously learning about Poe's work in their regular curriculum. Mr. Siff informed the Board that all productions are courses at MPC with credits. Next year, they will be bringing back 5 shows per year. The MPC theater was renovated in 2012 with new and improved technology that MPC is proud to utilize and put on display. Other theater companies are requesting to use the MPC theater for its great quality.

6. **BUSINESS**

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

- Ms. Yellich informed the board that there were two new and one carryover application from last month that had not received the supervisor's signature at that time. The Advisory Group is recommending two for funding; the other is not recommended due to insufficient information.
- James Lawrence is a full-time faculty member in the Automotive Technology department. He is requesting \$3,700 to create a show car to inspire existing students and attract potential new students. The wrapping and branding of a 1999 Toyota Camry will provide students with a real-world task with built-in accountability. The car will debut at the August 2024 car week and will be entered in the Concours de Lemon. After reviewing the application with his supervisor, an extra \$1,000 was funded from an existing grant reducing the request to \$2,700. The Advisory Group recommends approving the request for \$2,700.
- Kendra Cabrerra is a full-time faculty member in the Social Science/Ethnic Studies department. She is requesting \$550 for a field trip for the students in the dual enrollment program at Marina High School to visit the Monterey Museum of Art for the Mexican American/Chicano Arts exhibits. The Advisory Group recommends approving this request for \$550.

Joe Servi made a motion to approve the FASA Advisory Group's recommendations, as presented.

Second: Debbie Anthony

All in Favor: Debbie Anthony, Andrew Ausonio, Tom Clifford, Jeremy Green, Jason Griffin, Steve Haigler, Patricia Milowicki, Tom Pesce, Peter Purdue, Mary Alice Rennick, Joe Servi, Pamela Stewart, Theresa Wright, Linda Yellich

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carries.

B. **Gift Acceptance Policy Update (Beccie Michael, Executive Director)**

- Ms. Michael reported that the Gift Acceptance Policy is now out of date with the Sustainability Allocation Policy adopted last month. These revisions will make the policies consistent.
- The Sustainability Policy will go into effect April 1, 2024, noting the Gift Acceptance Policy will be updated by that time upon Board approval at today's meeting.
- The updates make it more clear that we will not create a new fund if we already have one and gifts will be subject to the Sustainability Allocation Policy.

Andrew Ausonio made a motion to approve the Gift Acceptance Policy Updates, as presented.

Second: Mary Alice Rennick

All in Favor: Andrew Ausonio, Debbie Anthony, Tom Clifford, Jeremy Green, Jason Griffin, Steve Haigler, Patricia Milowicki, Tom Pesce, Peter Purdue, Mary Alice Rennick, Pamela Stewart, Joe Servi, Theresa Wright, Linda Yellich

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carries.

7. INFORMATION/REPORTS

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

- Dr. Fulbright spoke on the recent news regarding California going through a huge budget crunch that will be affecting all community colleges. The forecast looks like it is challenging right now, but nothing is settled yet. The good news is that our enrollment numbers are remaining steady and we are not in decline. For everyone across the state, if you are not in a decline, you are doing well.
- Fraudulent enrollment continues to be an issue nationwide. This is where fraudulent entities enroll in courses to collect financial aid. This has been an ongoing issue since the pandemic. There are currently Federal investigations into this as the fraudulent activity is affecting Federal dollars.
- MPC has hired a new Public Relations company, Voler, to help the Marketing team tell the story of our students, advertise and market the Marina Education Center, and increase awareness for next year.
- MPC is excited to hear about the workings of a roundabout on Imjin Road in Marina near the Marina Education Center. MPC is receiving information on the project and the prospect of a potential stoplight in front of the MEC.

B. President's Report (Jeremy Green)

- Mr. Green reported that the external auditors, Eide Bailly, completed their visit and everything went smoothly. We expect to receive a report from them in May, which will be reviewed by staff, then the Audit Committee, and then presented to the full Board for approval shortly after. We looked into the question that came up last month regarding timing of future audits - unfortunately, it will not save us any money to move the audit to another/less busy time of year.
- The 2023 MC Gives! campaign was higher than last year, totalling \$33,115. This money includes matching funds from a Federal matching grant and goes toward the MPC Internship Endowment.
- We have raised \$98,000 toward the \$300,000 goal for the MPC Internship Endowment. We have until September 2025 to reach it. This endowment will continue to fund internship stipends for qualifying students participating in internships at nonprofits, small start-up businesses, and local government or educational agencies.
- Please mark your calendars for the Scholarship Ceremony at the Pacific Grove Auditorium located at PGMS on Forest Ave. There will be designated VIP seats for Board Members to sit together.

C. Boosters Committee Report (Tom Clifford, Chair)

- Mr. Clifford announced that the Booster Committee will no longer be meeting for the foreseeable future, largely based on the results of our Executive Director's return on investment analysis.
- The software, eTeams, that we have been using works for team fundraising, but it is expensive and the Foundation has found a cheaper alternative that will still benefit athletics in the same way, and also additional departments on campus.

- Grants will still be written for athletics and crowdfunding pages will still be provided to the athletics teams as well as other departments campus wide. Ads will no longer be sold for the athletics programs, but MPC/hospitality will still engage businesses.

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

- Ms. Michael informed the Board that the Foundation recently took on a third intern, Aldo, who will be helping with event research and planning.
- The President's Circle mailing is coming up in April. She asked the Board to provide contacts if they think someone would respond well to that. Please respond by the end of this month or first week in April.
- Ms. Michael will be out of the office April 3-12. The Foundation team will be in the office to answer any questions.
- We received a \$7,500 grant from the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea to support the internship endowment. We also received a grant from PG Rotary Club at the end of last year. We submitted a grant to the William McCaskey Chapman and Adaline Dinsmore Chapman Foundation as they have supported MPC's Upward Bound program. The \$25,000 we are asking for will supplement our tutoring centers for those students. We submitted a grant proposal to the Community Foundation for Monterey County for \$30,000 to support student interns while we build the endowment. Three other grant proposals are in development to be submitted soon.
- We have a total of 472 completed scholarship applications, which is an all time high completion rate. After the ceremony in May, Ms. Lamson will provide a full report to the Board.
- The Evans College Incentive Program has received 44 nominations already, with the nomination period ending March 31. We have 50 spaces available but any students not approved will still receive support from MPC's outreach department.
- We have a Financial Wellness Workshop coming up later this month, sponsored by the Monterey Credit Union, our elite business partner that provides a free financial literacy software program for students. This workshop was a hit last Fall and students have asked for them to come back to discuss budgeting, credit card rates, how to get a car loan or mortgage, how to start investing, etc.
- The Lobo Hall of Fame was a great success with amazing speeches and was officially sold out. A feedback form was sent out and we are already receiving great positive feedback. There was a professional videographer that captured the incredible speeches and we will be posting the clips on social media and YouTube when they are received.
- Ms. Michael reminded the Board about the Conflict of Interest form that is required and prompted those who have not yet completed it to fill out the form.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Board Meeting, April 17, 2024, 4:00-5:00pm (BMC 204)
- Scholarship Awards Ceremony, May 7, 2024, 5:00pm (at PG Middle School) followed by a Cupcake Reception around 6pm (catered by MPC Hospitality students)

9. Meeting Adjourned by Jeremy Green at 4:58 PM

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