



# MPC

# FOUNDATION

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

4:00 PM

### MEETING IN PERSON AND ZOOM

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Ausonio  
Fred Hochstaedter  
Joe Servi  
Joyce Simon  
Linda Yellich  
Maria Ruess  
Mary Alice Rennick  
Peter Purdue  
Ron Eastman  
Steve Haigler  
Theresa Wright  
Tom Clifford

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Carla Becerra  
Debbie Anthony  
Evelyne Lamson  
Jason Griffin  
Jeremy Green  
Nathan Steen  
Pamela Stewart  
Patricia Milowicki  
Steve Cardinali  
Tom Pesce

#### STAFF PRESENT

Beccie Michael  
Gina Bianchi  
Gerardo Olivares  
Annie Tarbox  
Allison Payne  
Karen Kelly  
Jessica Uhlig  
Shawn Anderson, on  
behalf of Dr. Fulbright

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Maria Ruess, Treasurer on behalf of Jeremy Green, President at 4:13 P.M.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### 3. RECOGNITION/GUESTS

#### 4. APPROVAL of MARCH 20, 2024 MINUTES (Maria Ruess, Treasurer on behalf of Jeremy Green, President)

Joyce Simon made a motion to approve the March 20, 2024 Minutes, as presented.

**Second:** Joe Servi

**All in Favor:** Andrew Ausonio, Tom Clifford, Fred Hochstaedter, Joe Servi, Joyce Simon, Linda Yellich, Maria Ruess, Mary Alice Rennick, Peter Purdue, Ron Eastman, Steve Haigler, Theresa Wright

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None.

**Motion Carries.**

#### 5. CAMPUS PRESENTATION: FASA Project Report (Dr. Kendra Cabrera, Ethnic Studies Dept. Chair)

- Dr. Cabrera presented her FASA project to the Board in the form of a slide show presentation about enriching students through cultural exposure. Her presentation included photographs and details regarding the cultural field trips to art museums and live theater that students were able to attend through this project. These field trips enabled MPC students to fill the gap they were missing in their life experience so far with building

cultural capital. The experiences added to the students' cultural capital through values and knowledge they can now draw on to make themselves more effective and successful. There were 107 total participants over 6 field trips through the San Francisco Asian Art Museum, Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, Balmy Alley & De Young Museum, San Jose MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana & Broadway, and the Monterey Museum of Art. The students of all ages thoroughly enjoyed their experiences exploring the cultures through these cities, events, and exhibits. Dr. Cabrera mentioned that the award money went toward food and transportation as exhibit fees were free for students.

## 6. **BUSINESS**

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

- Ms. Yellich informed the Board that there were two applications for the month of April. The Advisory Group is recommending the the following awards:
- David Serena is a part-time adjunct faculty member in the Social Science department. He is requesting \$1,108 to attend the National Association of Chicano Studies Conference in San Francisco April 24-27 for professional development. This conference will allow him to gain the latest information on current literature and academic strategies, which is particularly relevant now since successful completion of an Ethnic Studies course is required for graduation and transfer. The Advisory Group recommends \$1,108.
- Raquel Barata is a part-time adjunct faculty member in the Mathematics/Physical Sciences department. She is requesting \$2,089.56 to attend the 2024 ISBA world meeting in Venice, Italy to receive the Savage Award for her dissertation in Bayesian statistics. This is the highest award that can be attained in the field. She is an excellent role model as a woman in STEM. The Advisory Group recommends \$2,100.

Mary Alice Rennick made a motion to approve the FASA Advisory Group's recommendations, as presented.

**Second:** Steve Haigler

**All in Favor:** Andrew Ausonio, Tom Clifford, Fred Hochstaedter, Joe Servi, Joyce Simon, Linda Yellich, Maria Ruess, Mary Alice Rennick, Peter Purdue, Ron Eastman, Steve Haigler, Theresa Wright

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Motion Carries.**

### B. **Strategic Plan Progress Update (Beccie Michael, Executive Director)**

- Ms. Michael touched on a few highlights from her written update included in the agenda packet: first, she commended the scholarship team for their outreach via workshops at the local high schools. She also mentioned that the Foundation staff has been working with the Basic Needs Center for a while now and the program has been working seamlessly.

## 7. **INFORMATION/REPORTS**

### A. **College Supt./President's Report (Shawn Anderson on behalf of Dr. Marshall Fullbright, III)**

- Registration has started for the 2024 Summer Session & Fall Semester. Open registration for summer started on April 15th. Priority registration for the fall started today and open registration starts on April 29th
- New Social Justice Programs were approved by MPC's Governing Board of Trustees. In January of this year, the Board approved three Associate in Arts Social Justice

Programs: African American Studies and Chicano/Latino Studies, both of which were designed by Ethnic Studies faculty and are composed of existing Ethnic Studies and Social Sciences courses. LGBTQ Studies, which was designed by Gender and Women's Studies faculty and is composed of existing Gender and Women's Studies and other social sciences courses. These programs will be included in the 2024-25 MPC College Catalog and are effective all 2024.

- MPC is in the process of hiring four full-time tenure track faculty for the 2024-25 academic year for Ethnic Studies, English, Dental Assisting, and History. MPC is also hiring a Dean of Instruction - Career Technical Education & Workforce Development & an Interim Vice President of Student Services.
- Join the Pack Day is on April 19th from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. High school seniors can learn about Career & Academic Pathways, applying, registering, financial aid, and more.
- MPC's 2nd Annual Girls Firefighter Camp offered in collaboration with California Fire Women, is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th, from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. This free camp is open to girls ages 14-18. Thirty-two young women were selected to participate from across Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties.
- 2024 Black Student Success Week is scheduled for April 22-26, 2024. Every day next week, we'll focus on innovative approaches to ensure Black and African American students succeed at MPC. More information about these activities is available on MPC's website.

#### **B. President's Report (Maria Ruess on behalf of Jeremy Green)**

- Jeanette Walton has tendered her resignation from the Board due to other commitments. We truly appreciate Jeanette's service on the Board - she will be dearly missed, but we know she will continue to support MPC and look forward to seeing her at future events.
- We received a very generous, \$100,000 unrestricted estate gift from Ruth Hartmann a few days ago. Ruth was a graduate of the University of Michigan and Columbia Law School and was an elementary school teacher for Monterey Peninsula USD from 1966-1984. She was a firm believer in education and supported many other social and environmental organizations in the area. Her generous gift will help countless students by supporting the Foundation, and is going to have a very positive impact on our budget this year - we did not know about this gift but weren't sure if it would be received over 3 years, so we budgeted for \$34k to be safe. This timing is also beneficial in light of the changes to our Gala we've been discussing for this year.
- It's not too late to get your tickets to see Willy Wonka (provided free to foundation board members as a special gift from the Director, Todd Siff, who presented to us last month)! The show runs through this Sunday (4/21) with performances on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 7pm, and a 2pm showing on Sunday. Contact Beccie if you'd like to arrange to see the show.
- Friendly reminder to please join us for the Scholarship Ceremony on May 7th at the Pacific Grove Auditorium (located at PGMS on Forest Avenue). The Ceremony will begin at 5pm and wrap up around 6pm, followed by a Cupcake Reception (catered by MPC Hospitality students). If you ever need a reminder about how important and impactful the work this Board does, consider attending this event!

#### **C. Executive Director's Report (Beccie Michael, Executive Director)**

- Ms. Michael informed the Board that the Foundation sent out the President's Circle mailings last week to about 350 households.
- No Show Gala & Silent Auction planning will take place during a happy hour on 4/23 from 4-6pm in the Theater lobby.
- MPC's Citizen Bond Oversight Committee has a vacancy for a Business Representative if you or someone you know may be interested. The committee meets quarterly to oversee the expenditure of \$230 million for Measure B construction and projects.
- We received a \$2,500 grant award from the Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop in support of the Internship Endowment. We submitted a grant proposal to the Barnet Segal Charitable

Trust requesting \$16,000 in support of MPC's Maurine Church Coburn School of Nursing (for the Men in Nursing program and technology for the Simulation Lab). Two more proposals are currently in development and will be submitted soon.

- Thank you to everyone who served on the Scholarship Advisory Group. The Ceremony is being planned and our Scholarship Advisory Group Chair, Evelyne Lamson, will present a full report at the May board meeting after the process wraps up.
- The Evans College Incentive Program received 123 nominations. A total of 50 students will be selected by the Advisory Group on 4/29. The SOAR team is in the process of gathering financial aid data for the nominees.

#### **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Next Board Meeting, May 15, 2024, 4:00pm (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 Maria Ruess at 5:25 PM**

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