

**ORANGE COAST COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
TUESDAY MARCH 25, 2025  
COLLEGE CENTER BALLROOM  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, CC314A  
5:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Mary Lynn Bergman-Rallis, Kat Carroll, David Cline, Lori Ginnex-Orinion, Rush Hill, Jeff Hyder, Shana Jenkins, Kevin Ballinger, Dan Stefano, Raymond Tu, Bill Wood, Tara Giblin, Rich Pagel, Dr. Angelica Suarez, Blade Gillissen, Savannah Garcia, Patricia Falzon, Rena Quinonez, Rene Kinn, TJ Nguyen

Minutes	Presented by
1. Welcome & Introductions	Jeff Hyder
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2025: <b>Motion to approve minutes from the January 23, 2025 OCC Foundation Board Meeting as presented: Approved.</b>	Jeff Hyder
3. Pirate Moment: A video presentation of Men's Crew Athlete, Octavio Alva: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-Ib-MMxd3k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-Ib-MMxd3k</a>	Jeff Hyder
4. College Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Culinary Arts Team won the Western Regional Competition in Las Vegas, NV on March 15<sup>th</sup> and will be competing in the National Championships on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.</li> <li>• The Speech, Debate, and Theatre Team won their 18<sup>th</sup> State Championship defeating every community college in the largest state championship in the nation and will compete in Nationals.</li> <li>• Women's Basketball took #2 in the State Championships.</li> <li>• Last week, Dr. Derek Vergara, Dean of Students, was recognized by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators as a 2025 Pillar of the Profession recipient.</li> <li>• OCC is in process of reaffirming its accreditation through ACCJC's Peer Review Evaluation Process with peer review commencing Fall 2025.</li> <li>• Enrollment continues to increase slightly each semester at OCC.</li> <li>• The Children's Center is scaling down its services to re-align support focused on student parents and address its fiscal sustainability</li> <li>• Dr. Heather Dy (pronounced "Dee") is the new Dean of the Math and Sciences Division.</li> <li>• Jeff Hyder noted that Dr. Angelica Suarez was honored by the OC Board of Supervisors as a distinguished leader in education in celebration of Women's History Month.</li> </ul>	Angelica Suarez

<p>5. Finance Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Mark Denny's absence, Patricia reported on the portfolio review as of February 28, 2025, prepared by Northern Trust. This report was presented to Executive Committee on March 17, at which time it was noted that the portfolio was slightly ahead of investment targets.</li> <li>• The Finance Committee will be meeting Thursday April 3 to undertake its annual review of asset allocation targets.</li> </ul>	Patricia Falzon
<p>6. Cylindrus Project Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rich Pagel updated the Board on a presentation provided September 26, 2024, relating to an installation of cylinder art created by faculty member Kevin Myers, now titled Cylindrus. A single location, architectural renderings and more accurate cost estimates for installing all four cylinders have been developed. The cost is now estimated at minimum \$500,000 plus transportation/crane/TCO.</li> <li>• Timeline for completion is one year from final project plans and a funding allocation from the foundation.</li> <li>• Proposed location is near the Campus Safety building and would be visible to visitors coming onto campus.</li> <li>• Although the project would help beautify the campus, Jeff noted that the overall costs had become too high and recommended the Board consider other campus beautification projects for potential support.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Rich to return to the Board with three to four other options for campus beautification, including price and design specifics.</b></p>	Rich Pagel
<p>7. ASOCC Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The semester started and ASOCC had its Student Leadership Retreat with community building and personal development among student government members.</li> <li>• Social Media Day was held on February 6th, 2025 to engage students with ASOCC and make them aware of the events and opportunities on campus.</li> <li>• Coming up in April, the Advocacy Group will focus on supporting students, particularly undocumented students with regards to their rights during immigration policy changes.</li> <li>• The College Life Committee will be hosting a Casino Night tomorrow.</li> </ul>	Savannah Garcia
<p>8. Friends of the Library Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The annual Banff Film Festival held over two nights in March had an increase in attendance. There were 281 paid attendees on the first night and 287 on the second night, bringing in about \$4,000 after expenses to support the FOTL Scholarship.</li> <li>• New this year, FOTL purchased the Banff Book Competition Winners, and their books were displayed at the entrance to the theatre giving people the option to check out the book at the OCC Library by becoming a member of the Friends of the Library.</li> </ul>	Kevin Ballinger

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple companies such as REI (Huntington Beach), Sports Basement (Fountain Valley), and the Wilderness Training Center supported the event. Circle K Club sold concessions.</li> <li>• A new method of purchasing tickets for the Banff Film Festival through a QR code was used this year with a very positive outcome.</li> <li>• About \$30,000 from funds raised and the FOTL endowment will be used to update the technology in the ten study rooms in the Library.</li> <li>• The FOTL Book Sale will be held April 22nd and 23rd. The FOTL Bookstore has been taking in around \$150 a month through cash donations made by students for books they purchase.</li> <li>• Kevin Ballinger would like to propose a History Display of OCC in the Library as a possible beautification project for the OCC Foundation at the next meeting.</li> <li>• The FOTL are currently reviewing applications for their scholarship as part of the OCC Scholarships. Last year, four students were awarded \$1,000 each.</li> </ul>	
<p>9. <u>Executive Committee Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff noted that he and Lori have discussed his continuation as Chair for another year, with Lori attending all meetings in order to support her succession as Chair in the subsequent year. Additionally, Mark Denny will be unable to continue as Treasurer and Finance Chair for the coming year, due to an increased workload. Jeff has confirmed Raymond Tu's willingness to assume the roles of Treasurer and Finance Chair for next year. A motion to approve the Executive Board with the changes noted was considered but was not made, recognizing the need to comply with the Brown Act.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Patricia will confirm process for voting on new Executive Board.</p>	Jeff Hyder
<p>10. <u>Executive Director's Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new Executive Director, Patricia Falzon, expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome she has received from everyone at OCC, and for the the support she has received in taking on the role.</li> <li>• Patricia also provided a brief update with regard to new gifts, noting the significance of the high number of gifts that OCC has received. Since January, the Foundation received 552 gifts totaling \$175,000. Patricia acknowledged the significance of having so many individuals contribute to OCC, including staff and faculty, as it attests to how invested the community is in the success of the college.</li> <li>• Honors Night is May 14th, 2025, and invitations will be coming soon.</li> <li>• Rena Quinonez expressed appreciation for the support of the Chemistry Periodic Table with 72 of the 108 elements sold for sponsorship naming. Rena also shared that the new softball seats have been installed, the option to name a seat for \$250 is available with 44 out of 78 already sold. A few board members noted their interest in purchasing a seat, and Rena thanked them.</li> <li>• Kat inquired about the status of restroom installation project for softball, and a report will be prepared for the next meeting.</li> </ul>	Patricia Falzon

<b>Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm</b>	
11. Future Meetings & Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board Meeting – Thursday, June 12, 2025</li> <li>- Honors Night – May 14, 2025</li> </ul>	