

**Orange Coast College Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 18, 2021, 5:30 pm  
OCC Student Union, Multi-Purpose Room. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**Attendees:** Mary Lynn Bergman Rallis, Christina Amaral, Dave Grant, Bill Wood, Angelica Suarez, Madjid Niroumand, Lori Ginex-Orinion, Liz Parker, Shana Jenkins, Michelle Grimes-Hillman, Rich Pagel, Sierra Wisner, Eileen Lewis, Peggy Fort, Doug Bennett, Sean Wellengard, Rene Kinn, Patrick Munoz, Rush Hill, and Dave Cline

**Guest:** Mike Morvice, Derek Vergara, Tara Giblin, Audrey Crouse, Gary Moon, and Hung Cheng

- A. **Student Union Tour:** Mike Morvice and Derek Vergara hosted a tour of the OCC Student Union building.
- B. **Welcome & Introductions:** Dave Cline welcomed everyone and the Foundation went around the table with introductions.
  1. **Approval of Minutes of September 23 as emailed:** Approval of the Minutes was motioned, seconded, and approved. Rush Hill abstained.
- C. **Staff Changes:** Doug Bennett announced that Liz Parker will be retiring from the College on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Liz Parker will continue to be an advocate for Orange Coast College in the community and Doug Bennett expressed how we are immensely grateful for all her service and assistance with Measure M, the Planetarium, and the Foundation.
- D. **College Update:** Dr. Angelica Suarez delivered the College Update, informing the Foundation that the Fall semester is coming to a close and that the Spring semester will usher in more students on campus with hopefully 75% of courses being offered on campus. The ribbon cutting for the Student Union building will be taking place in February. OCC was recognized this month by the Campaign for College Opportunity as the 2021 Equity Champion for the number of transfers of Latinx students. The second recognition OCC received was that out of the 1100 community colleges throughout the country, OCC was 1 of the 150 community colleges selected to participate in the Aspen Awards, which Dr. Suarez likened to the Academy Awards for community colleges.
- E. **OCC Chemistry Building Plans & STEM Update:** Dr. Tara Giblin discussed the need for a New Chemistry Building.
  1. **The Need for a New Chemistry Building:** OCC's Chemistry Building was constructed in the 70's (almost 50 years ago) and as Chemistry and STEM education have expanded in that time so has the necessity for facilities that encapsulate the resources and teaching techniques to better engage the students in those fields. There are approximately 300 full-time chemistry students with roughly 2,000 students going in and out of the Chemistry Building with 5% of OCC students taking a chemistry class as well as students being serviced in Allied Health, Astronomy, and General Ed. Chemistry is #8 in the number of Associate Degrees awarded and is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest department in terms of faculty. Dr. Giblin then introduced Gary Moon and Hung Cheng of tBP Architects to go over the Architectural Overview.
  2. **Architectural Overview:** Hung Cheng was grateful for the Chemistry faculty's input and admiration for the project, which started in mid-December, along with Rich Pagel's leadership and even met during the Christmas Holiday to have the plans submitted to the Department of Finance as quickly as possible. That was done in mid-February and it was approved, the project was then submitted to PSA in mid-August and they returned comments in October. The package is projected to be approved by the PSA in February of 2022 with construction to start in July 2022 to be finished in February of 2024. This will result in the demolition of the old Literature and Language Building, which is about 26,000 sq ft, to be replaced by the New Chemistry Building, which is about 44,000 sq ft. and significantly bigger than the Old Chemistry Building which is around 33,000 sq ft. Gary Moon displayed designs for the New Chemistry Building containing 2 classrooms, 2 medium lecture spaces, and the entire upper floor having general chemistry labs.
  3. **How are We Going to Pay for the Chemistry Building?:** Dr. Rich Pagel explained how the New Chemistry Building is to be funded. The project costs \$34 million with \$17 million coming from the state of California and this is the last Measure M project. As it stands, OCC needs to come up with \$7.1 million dollars. Through the Budget and Facility Planning Committee, another \$3.9 million was identified leaving the remaining cost at \$3.1 million. Dr. Pagel is going to look to other resources and possibly campus funds to close this gap before February and the bid is out. Dr. Pagel is optimistic that working together with the District that the project will be funded.
  4. **OCC Federal Title V STEM Grant:** Audrey Crouse spoke on the OCC Federal Title V STEM Grant. The counselors and student mentors of the STEM Academy, which now spans the campus and student services with tutoring in STEM, are giving opportunity to Latinx students to achieve degrees in the STEM field, successfully transfer students to 4-year institutions, and encourage Latinx students to declare STEM majors.

21 students from the STEM Academy participated in the Research Symposium at OCC this past year, going up from 12 students the previous year. The STEM Academy is also working towards increasing the number of Latinx students pursuing a teaching career in a STEM field. There are currently 99 STEM Academy participants with over 3,000 students at OCC who are STEM majors. The STEM Academy is reaching out to those STEM majors to increase their numbers and let them know about STEM activities and workshops. The emails that have been sent out to the students have an 85% open rate showing that they are being reached. OCC is very fortunate to receive the Federal Title V STEM Grant to assist students through the STEM Academy in the amount of \$3 million thanks to the leadership of Dr. Giblin.

- F. Marine Programs Committee Report:** Patrick Munoz presented the Marine Programs Committee Report.
1. **Lease Option/Purchase of *Drumbeat*:** Exciting news is the Lease Option/Purchase of *Drumbeat* donated by Don Ayres thanks to the stewardship of Brad Avery for the amount of \$2.6 million. We have received the first payment of \$622,000 and more of those payments will come in over the year. On the heels of that, another high value boat has been donated in the range of half a million to a million dollars.
  2. **Purchase of Newport Harbor Mooring:** The Marine Committee purchased a mooring in Newport Harbor, which are hard to come by and cost \$95,000 with an annual fee of about \$500. This is to use instead of paying \$5,000 per month to have a boat in a slip, so the mooring will pay for itself in less than 2 years.
  3. ***Nordic Star*:** A new buyer is looking to purchase the *Nordic Star*, though the Marine Committee is not too optimistic of this sale going through but the buyer has made a deposit with a survey scheduled for next week.
  4. **Naming of Professional Mariners Training Center/Endowment Designation:** A donor has offered to donate \$500,000 with the condition of naming the Professional Mariners Training Center after Brad Avery. The Executive and Marine Committees support this as Brad Avery has been instrumental in the establishment of the Professional Mariners Training Center and support of the foundation through stewarding numerous boat donations. The committees would like the approval of the OCC Foundation Board for this opportunity and naming of the center after Brad Avery with details on the name to be determined. The Marine Committee also requests that \$1 million from the sale of the *Drumbeat* go towards an endowment for the Professional Mariners Training Center. The motion was made to accept the condition of the donation and name the Professional Mariners Training Center after Brad Avery pending Board of Trustees approval. The motion was seconded and passed. A second motion was made to authorize establishing an endowment to support the Professional Mariners Training Center with \$1 million from the sale of the *Drumbeat*. The second motion was seconded and passed.
- G. OCC Telescope Farm Architect Approval – Rocket Project:** Doug Bennett recounted that in 2013 the Foundation received a \$1 million donation to Astronomy, which allowed for the construction of the Astronomy House. The donor also wanted the funds to be used towards establishing a Telescope Farm. Doug displayed slides of concept designs for the Telescope Farm next to the Planetarium with 8 telescopes mounted for solar and night time observation. There is roughly \$490,000 left from the \$1 million to establish the Telescope Farm. Doug Bennett asked that the Board authorize use of the remaining funds for the project. The motion was made, seconded, and passed. Doug Bennett then showed the Rocket that was also donated by the same donor and how it is being displayed along with a video of Rocket School at OCC.
- H. Executive Committee Report:** Dave Cline discussed the Executive Committee Report.
1. **Yacht Donation Consultants Contract Follow-Up:** The Marine Activities Committee and the Executive Committee reviewed the Yacht Donation Consultant Contract and concluded favorably upon it.
- I. Finance & Investment Report:** Doug Bennett presented the Northern Trust Performance Update in Marc Harper's stead.
1. **Northern Trust Performance Update:** The Finance Committee met with Northern Trust in October. The Balance Sheet Summary as of September 30 shows a Return Net of Fees of 22.59 YTD with an Ending Market Value of \$28 million. The Foundation is performing well and the asset allocations are all within the ranges.
- J. ASOCC Report:** Sierra Wisner delivered the ASOCC Report. ASOCC is now focusing on in-person events with one going on simultaneously with the meeting, Movie Night showing Monsters University. ASOCC is excited to be in-person and also prepping for hybrid events, such as Coast Day, giving the option to be either in-person or online. ASOCC is assisting students with the process of going back in-person, such as dealing with Parking Permits. ASOCC will have hybrid meetings for the time being.
- K. Friends of the Library Report:** Eileen Lewis presented the Friends of the Library Report and has been working on renovating the Book Drop boxes. Eileen has contacted a vendor and hope that the Drop Boxes will reflect the artistry of the Planetarium. Eileen was happy to plan ahead for 2022 with the Banff Film Festival and the Book Sale.

L. **Executive Director's Report:** Doug Bennett closed out the meeting with the Executive Director's Report

1. **Signage Contract for Waterfront Campus Signage:** Doug showed images of the prospective Signage for the Waterfront Campus and given all the expenses is requesting to allocate \$30,000 from the Professional Mariners fund to pay for the architectural work by HPI. The motion was made to allocate an amount not to exceed \$30,000 from the Professional Mariners fund to the Signage Contract for the Waterfront Campus Signage. The motion was seconded and passed with Rush Hill abstaining.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.**

**Upcoming Events & Meetings**

- Thursday, January 28, 5:30 pm is the next Foundation Board Meeting in the College Center