

Orange Coast College Foundation
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 30, 2019, 6 pm
Orange Coast College – Captain’s Table

Attendees: Shana Jenkins, Jeff Hyder, Rich Pagel, Madjid Niroumand, Doug Bennett, Juan Gutierrez, Blade Gillisen, Dave Cline, Rush Hill, Bill Wood, Dave Grant, Eileen Lewis, Barbara Bullard, Peggy Fort, Rene Kinn, and Sean Wellengard

Guests: Gabrielle Ridley and Tina Rodgers

- A. Welcome & Introductions:** Bill Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Gabrielle Ridley and Tina Rodgers from the Guardian Scholars Program.
- B. Approval of Minutes from the March 30th Meeting:** Minutes were approved as emailed.
- C. OCC Presidential Search Update:** Dave Grant and Kevin Ballinger stated that the new OCC President will be Dr. Anjelica Suarez. Dr. Suarez will begin the position starting July 1st, 2019. Dr. Suarez has over 30 years of experience as an educational leader, previously serving as the Vice President of Student Affairs for the Southwestern Community College District. Dr. Suarez is committed to the transformative power of community colleges and the assistance offered by student support services. The Board of Trustees were very pleased with this selection.
- D. Executive Committee Report & Recommended Actions:** Bill Wood and Doug Bennett spoke on the executive committee report and recommended actions concerning scholarships.
 - 1. Endorsement of Scholarships for 2019-2020 Academic Year:** Bill expressed his gratitude of the Board’s trust in the Executive Committee. Doug presented a packet of the scholarships awarded at Honors Night on May 8th with a total of over \$646,869 awarded. Rush Hill asked that the totals of the endowed scholarships be presented at the March Board Meeting to give a rough idea of how much money is available to award for the coming Honors Night and Doug acknowledged that. Motion was made to approve the expenditure for the scholarships awarded and the motion passed.
- E. Planetarium Dedication & Operations Update:** Dave Grant delivered the Planetarium update. Dave asked the Foundation Board for marketing ideas for the Planetarium. Juan Gutierrez presented the various marketing strategies that are being used and Jeff Hyder asked what is the target demographic. Dave requested more signage (possibly off the freeway) and Rush requested a promotional video to present during the public comments at City Council Meetings. Juan stated that he will send Rush the PSA that the Marketing Department created for the Planetarium.
- F. OCC Guardian Scholars Report:** Gabrielle Ridley and Tina Rodgers presented information on the Guardian Scholars Program noting that May is Foster Care Awareness Month. The Guardian Scholars Program served 107 students during the 2018 – 19 Academic Year with 4,364 contacts made with the students having an average of 40 contacts per student. 92% of Guardian Scholars used the drop-in center with a breakdown of the top 3 reasons being Food (85%), Computers/Printing (55%), and Studying (45%). 100% of the Guardian Scholars

created a Comprehensive Ed Plan. 12 Guardian Scholars were awarded scholarships at Honors Night thanks in large part to the generosity and support of Board Member Mary-Lynn Rallis. The Guardian Scholars Class of 2019 saw 14 graduates with 11 transferring as the program boasts 75 Guardian Scholars graduates in 7 years. With Partnerships with Olive Crest, New Alternatives, and the Teen Leadership Foundation as well as the Rallis Foundation and Doing Good Works, the Guardian Scholars Program is able to provide support for students transitioning out of Foster Care. Also, Export Hope has awarded three OOC Guardian Scholars with summer travel and educational trips to Ecuador, Costa Rica, and Thailand. Orange Coast College's Guardian Scholars Program has become the envy and model for many other Foster Care Programs at the community college as well as the university level with other colleges and universities reaching out to the program every semester for consultation.

- G. Investment Report:** Doug Bennett discussed the Investment Report in Julie's absence.
- 1. Endowment Performance Update:** Doug referenced the Performance and Balance Sheet Summary that was handed out with all the returns being above the benchmarks with the Year to Date up above 11%. All in all, the Finance Committee is pleased with the performance.
- H. Campus Construction Update:** Rich Pagel presented the campus construction update with the north part of campus having their Student Housing on track and looking to be moving students in the Fall of 2020. So far, Riverside and the CSU's have been looking at our Student Housing models. The new Student Life Building is about to put in steel and is coming right along. In October, OCC will begin construction on phase two of the Interdisciplinary Complex which will house classrooms for Social and Behavioral Science, and Literature and Language. The buildings which will be completed in late 2021. The construction surrounding the OCC Sailing Center is going well with a community event held in early April that had solid support and good questions on the project. The bridge will be put in this coming November. There was a groundbreaking for the new Aquatics Center in April. From October to the following Spring will be the highest volume of construction projects that the campus has ever seen with over \$300 million in construction taking place.
- I. College President's Report:** Kevin Ballinger announced that he will be stepping down as the interim President with the appointment of the new OCC President. Kevin wanted to thank the Foundation and the Foundation Board for supporting him during his term. Kevin wanted to thank Doug for the leadership of the OCC Foundation, which rivals many 2- and 4-year institutions, and is truly among the best. Within two weeks, OCC will receive the final report on the accreditation evaluation. Kevin looks forward to continuing the work with the Foundation in solving the food and housing crisis among the student population. Last week, President Ballinger coordinated the Commencement platform party with 5,400 people in attendance this year. OCC 2019 Summer Courses are about to start with already 6,400 students enrolled. Fall 2019 will begin August 26th and OCC has concluded hiring 23 new faculty members. In Athletics, Men's Baseball took State Championship. OCC also won the Orange Empire Supremacy Conference.
- J. Friends of the Library Update:** Eileen Lewis stated that the FOTL were looking forward to September and starting all over again.

K. ASOCC Update: Jesse Lopez has graduated and is going to Berkley and so no ASOCC update was presented.

L. Foundation Director's Report: Doug wanted to say thank you for all the support in the transition from one OCC President to another and announced the July 18th OCC Foundation Board Meeting at Mary Lynn's home and early August we will have a social meeting aboard the *Nordic Star*.

Upcoming Events

Summer *Nordic Star Cruise*, August Date TBA

Future Board Meetings

Thursday, July 18th, 6 pm, Mary Lynn Bergman Rallis' Home

Thursday, September 26th, 6 pm, Location TBA