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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 - 12:00 p.m.

District Board Room, District Office

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Kristin Crellin called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Arianna Barrios, Kristin Crellin, Rossina Gallegos, Todd Litfin, Eddie Marquez,

Claudia Álvarez & Nelida Mendoza-Yáñez arrived at 12:15pm

Ex-Officio Voting Members in attendance: Dr. Raul Rodriguez, Peter Hardash, Enrique Perez

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members in attendance: John Didion, Dr. Erlinda Martinez & Dr. John Weispenning

Not Present: Hector Infante & Richard Porras

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Barry Resnick spoke regarding the potential agreement between the Colleges of Excellence in Saudi Arabia and the Rancho Santiago Community College District Foundation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Kristin Crellin asked for a motion to approve the following items on the consent calendar:

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

ACTION: Approve of the Minutes of the regular Board meeting – September 25, 2015

It was moved by Arianna Barrios, seconded by Claudia Alvarez (with one abstention from Todd Litfin as he was not present for the September 25, 2015 meeting), otherwise carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2015 Regular Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT(S)

ACTION: Approve the Treasurer's Reports for months ending 7/31/14, 8/31/14, 9/30/14, 10/31/14, 11/30/14, 12/31/14, 1/31/15 & 2/28/15

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It was moved by Claudia Alvarez, seconded by Nelida Mendoza-Yáñez and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Peter Hardash-RSCCDF Treasurer, Jim Moos's last meeting presenting the Investment Report. Fund has dwindled down, keeping everything liquid. Peter reported there being 250,000 left in investment assets, and keeping investments very short term because of market conditions and also due to liquidity. RSCCDF Foundation use to have a federal corpus grant that grew to 3 million dollars at one point but it was a 20 year corpus that expired. Funds liquidated, 2 million distributed to both SCC and SAC Foundations. This brought the investment balance for where it is now at \$250,000. Peter informed that this report was received by RSCCDF's Board of Trustees in December, 2014. It's a clean report and stated that the 'Present fairly' at the top of page 2 of the report means it's a clean audit.

ACTION: Accept the 2013-2014 Rancho Santiago Community College District Foundation Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014.

Motion to approve by Claudia Alvarez, seconded by Nelida Mendoza-Yáñez and carried unanimously to accept the 2013-2014 RSCCDF Foundational Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014.

ACTION CALENDAR

(All matters under the Action Calendar have been reviewed and submitted by the appropriate committee for the Board's consideration.)

- **Approval of new RSCCDF Foundation Board Member**
Enrique asked Members of the Board of Directors to approve new Board Member: David G. Coffaro from Wells Fargo. Eddie asked if Keith Kobata was previously a Board Member. Enrique clarified that Keith did express interest but couldn't dedicate the time to join the Foundation Board.

Motion to approve by Nelida Mendoza-Yáñez, seconded by Eddie Marquez and carried unanimously to approve David G. Coffaro from Wells Fargo as the new Board Member.

REPORTS

- **Board Development Sub-Committee**
Dr. Rodriguez reported on International projects such as China, India and Saudi Arabia venture. Dr. Rodriguez informed the board that a couple of years back RSCCDF Foundation changed from being a traditional Foundation to a more project orientated Foundation. Enrique was sent to China & India for student recruitment purposes. Enrique reported back to Chancellor that China would be the better candidate for recruitment. The other project area was Saudi Arabia. A proposal was submitted in December of 2013 for COE project to develop a college from scratch. Consequently, RSCCDF was not awarded that project. The next round of projects was for TVTC- Technical & Vocational Colleges. This project is different in whereby the awardee of the contract will provide coaching of the administration and faculty to improve their outcomes.

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Dr. Rodriguez informed the board that they currently have a 10% graduation completion rate; facilities & curriculum are not in good shape and faculty need a lot of training. We were awarded 2 colleges. Once we get award letter then we submit a Letter of Intent which was submitted in February then prepare an Assessment Plan to describe in detail what we would do to turn around these institutions. Plans were submitted to the COE. April will be the follow-up on final numbers. If an agreement is made in April and a contract is signed then work is to begin at the end of May on these projects. Our co venture/partner in Saudi is Alkaleej Education Training has been our partner on the inside. Alkaleej signed an MOU with the Foundation where they put up majority of the capital to undertake this project. The way the MOU was written with Alkaleej is where they take on the risk. Dr. Rodriguez had written a memo to the Academic Senate President at SCC describing the risk was for this project. Very few dollars of the Foundation's money has been spent on this project. Approximately \$50,000 has been spent, mainly for legal fees. At the next Foundation meeting, Dr. Rodriguez will have the Foundations Legal Counsel attend. Projections are that the Foundation gets 8% off top. This project is set up where we get paid to show up instead of hitting specific Performance Targets. There are some Performance Targets to hit but they are towards the end of the project. MOU was written in a way so that we are not limited in our profit for hitting certain Performance Targets. An evaluation will be made to measure benefits to the Foundation, our District and the community.

- Report from the President of the RSCCD Foundation – Kristin Crellin
Kristin Crellin passed out some emails she's received from the Faculty Association. She told those who sent the emails to her that she would distribute them to Board.
- Report from the President of Santa Ana College – Dr. Erlinda Martinez
Dr. Martinez handed out an informational item in regards to the 12 Community Colleges in state were approved to offer a Bachelor's Degree. SAC was one of the 12 Colleges awarded and they will offer the Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Studies. SAC is building off the Occupational Therapy Assistant program. Students will be able to transfer and enter the Master's program at CSU Dominguez Hills.
SAC rededicated the refurbished Planetarium and Veteran's Resource Center thanks to Measure E. The returning Veterans are now over 1,000.
Dr. Martinez reported on the Innovation Awards that were announced this past Friday. This is a statewide award open to Community Colleges, CSU's and USC's to submit proposals for innovation. They're looking for advancing access and completion of Bachelor's Degrees. Santa Ana College submitted their proposal. The awards were estimated to be 2.5-3 million dollars. Award was in fact 5 million dollars.
Dr. Martinez reported on SAC's Centennial Celebration. SAC took the 1 million that were given as part of the Corpus and put it up as a match for any gift over \$25,000 to the College. Match has been met and funds are now at 2.1 million.
- Report from the President of Santiago Canyon College – Dr. Weispenning
Dr. Weispenning reported on receiving final word on SCC's accreditation decision. SCC received a clean affirmation. A follow-up report will be done in 2016.

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The SCC Foundation held its Board Retreat in January. It was a very productive workshop lead by a professional facilitator. Orange Mayor Tita Smith and former college President, Dean Stringer, participated in Retreat as special guests.

The National Science Foundation is awarding a \$600,000 grant to SCC in support of the STEM's Scholars Academy. This grant will provide scholarships to low income STEM majors and STEM majors from underrepresented groups in hopes to increase the number of students who can attend full time.

Dr. Weispfenning reported that at the Community Foundation of Orange Gala in February, a \$1,000 grant was awarded to SCC in support of the Veterans Resource Program.

Yesterday, the SCC Honors Program and Transfer Success Center hosted a Transfer Admissions presentation from the University of Colombia.

SCC and the College Assistance to Migrant Program Alumni Eric Resendiz was featured on the current issue of Cal State Fullerton Titan magazine. Eric is now a Jr. at Cal State Fullerton and he's quoted is a story about internships with the Telemundo Network.

Dr. Weispfenning commented on the Community Science Night was a big success again this year thanks in part to the partnership with Orange Unified School District.

Upcoming events are the Annual Hawks Golf Tournament on April 24 at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club as well as the Concert on the Lawn on May 15th at SCC to celebrate the College's 15 year Anniversary.

- Report from the Board of Trustees Representatives – Claudia C. Alvarez/Nelida Mendoza Yanez

Claudia Alvarez commented on RSCCD being an outstanding District along with the colleges it oversees and the work that the Foundation does to represent those colleges. She stated that the ultimate goal is to serve the students of the community and to bring resources to those students. She commended and thanked the Chancellor and Enrique for traveling abroad to bring resources to the students and also thanked them for serving on the Foundation Board.

Newest member to the Board, Rossina Gallegos, commented on her appreciation for Claudia's words. Nelida Mendoza-Yanez commented that she appreciates the work being done for the Veteran's Resource Centers at both Colleges. SAC has a boot camp for academic guidance for the Veteran students to inform them of the resources available through the Veterans Resource Center, including mental health resources. Nelida receives a lot of questions and comments about the new Bachelor's program at SAC and commented on how students are very excited and eager for this program.

Arianna Barrios urged Board Members to attend the various events at both colleges.

Dr. Martinez reminded the Board of SAC's 100th year community birthday party set for Saturday, September 19th. The event will include fireworks.

- Report on China regarding Student Recruitment

Enrique reported that both colleges and one District employee are currently attending the CEE-China Education Expo in Beijing and Guangzhou. CEE is China's largest educational expo. Junko Ishikawa from SAC has been key in recruitment and promoting both colleges at the Expo due to her fluency in speaking the language. The Foundation has not had to cover any expenses for RSCCD China, Beijing office. Our partnership with Centennial College in Toronto, Canada, has paid all expenses up to date. Enrique announced we'll be partnering with

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them in their office in Hanoi, Vietnam. Centennial College has been a key partner in the International Student Recruitment market. Enrique commented on RSCCD's need to build its international resume and this being linked to the Saudia Arabia venture. RSCCD has great economic development activities but it does not have an international resume that qualifies us to participate in certain projects. One example is a training project in Mongolia that RSCCD was invited to but we don't qualify for because we have not worked internationally. Enrique commented on the need to establish an International Education Recruitment Committee. Deans, Syed Rizvi from SCC and Mark Liang from SAC have agreed to participate. According to the Foundation By-Laws, one more Board Member will be needed, besides Enrique to serve on the Recruitment Committee.

Kristin Crellin invited anyone from the Board interested in serving on this Committee to inform her or Enrique.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

Kristin Crellin reminded the Board of Directors that each Board member must complete and submit a Conflict of Interest Statement each year for auditing purposes.

NEXT RSCCD FOUNDATION MEETING

The next meeting of the RSCCD Foundation will be June 23, 2015, at 12:00 pm in the RSCCD Board Room. Lunch will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Kristin Crellin adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

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