



Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
11:30 a.m.

Santa Ana College
1530 W. 17th St.
Santa Ana, CA 92706

MINUTES

The Santa Ana College Foundation Board of Directors special meeting was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Santa Ana College. Rossina Gallegos called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Yareiry Alba, Ed Arnold, Lewis Bratcher, Alberta Christy, Kristin Crellin, Rossina Gallegos, Madeline Grant, Ed Halverson, Mark McLoughlin, Ken Purcell, Fortino Rivera, Clayton Rivest, Christina Romero, Dr. Linda Rose, and David Valentin were in attendance. Eve Kornyei Ruffatto and Ramiro Ochoa participated via conference call. Staff member Jennifer Valencia was present. Juan Gonzalez, Jena Jensen, Ignacio Muniz, Jayne Munoz, Jamie Pirritano, Fortino Rivera and David Valentin were unable to attend.

Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

Foundation President's Report

Rossina Gallegos introduced the details of the Measure L Campaign, and the campus projects that would occur at the college if the \$496 million-dollar bond is approved. The request to the SAC Foundation is \$175,000 to support the marketing and outreach campaign for the bond. Last night, the Santiago Canyon College Foundation board approved \$75,000 in support of the bond. The ask amount from RSCCD is based on the benefit to SAC/portion of the bond as well as the dense population of the community served by the college. Bond chairs were just announced as SAC alum Gaddi Vasquez and the former President of Chapman University Jim Doti. The District has offered two representatives from the Foundation Board to participate on the bond committee.

Jayne Munoz joined the meeting.

Rossina Gallegos stated that the main purpose of the meeting is to consider the \$175,000 request from our unrestricted assets. The feasibility study conducted prior to placing the bond on the March 2020 ballot showed a 59% approval from voters.

Rossina Gallegos motioned for the approval of the \$175,000 investment in the bond campaign.

Kristin Crellin moved, the motion was opened for discussion.

Madeline Grant voiced her concerns about the voters' support in the SCC service area. Ed Arnold voiced his concerns about the Foundation supporting lobbying efforts. Rossina shared that she believes our students deserve state-of-the-art facilities. Christina Romero shared the due diligence process and consultation with legal counsel who advised us that this support is allowable and an expenditure test has been completed which validates the amount of support requested. The district would like the Foundation board to see this as a joint investment opportunity. The Chancellor has secured this week \$200,000 in support but in addition, still asks

for our partnership. Ed Arnold reiterated he doesn't like having funds go to political efforts instead of to the students directly, the passing of this bond is not guaranteed.

There is also a statewide bond (Prop 13 for \$18 billion) on the March ballot, but we will need to compete for that funding. Mark McLoughlin shared historical information on previous bond measures and the support from the polls of Measure L. Madeline Grant shared the urgency of the projects and buildings that will be impacted by the bond. Further discussion followed regarding the state and local bond measures.

Ed Halverson wants to ensure that we are in compliance to maintain our 501©3 status. Christina Romero shared the draft expenditure test with the board. Ed Halverson wants to make sure this lobbying expense conforms with the mission of the Foundation and questioned the urgency of the request. He established that IRS Form 5768 will need to be filed if this request is approved. He asked if there has been a full and transparent disclosure provided to us by the district and feels this request is being rushed. Ed Halverson also advised the board of the campaign do's and don'ts that pertain to the district employees and staff. Clayton Rivest stated that we can resent the timing/urgency of this request but we still have to evaluate it nonetheless. Christina Romero shared that the Chancellor has offered to provide updates to the board in the months of January and February. Kristin Crellin pointed out that the Executive Committee has met prior to this meeting on this matter and posed questions to the Chancellor, those responses are provided in the packet.

Dr. Linda Rose joined the meeting.

Ken Purcell questioned whether the amount was negotiable, Rossina Gallegos answered it was non-negotiable based on her conversation with the Chancellor. She reminded the board that the District does support the Foundation with salaries and benefits for our personnel. Mark McLoughlin proposed that we ask if there is residual from the bond campaign efforts, that it be returned to the Foundation.

The motion to approve the lobbying expense of the \$175,000 to the RSCCD Bond Measure L Campaign carried with the following vote (7 yes, 5 no, 4 abstentions):

Aye

Kristin Crellin
Alberta Christy
Yareiry Alba
Lewis Bratcher
Clayton Rivest
Rossina Gallegos
Mark McLoughlin

Nay

Ed Arnold
Ed Halverson
Ken Purcell
Ramiro Ochoa
Eve Kornyei Ruffatto

Abstention

Jayne Munoz
Madeline Grant
Christina Romero
Dr. Linda Rose

Christina Romero and Rossina Gallegos made closing comments. Our partners at the SCC Foundation would like to plan an informal meeting/mixer scheduled for January 7th, this is a great opportunity to meet and connect with these partners.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.m.