

**Orange Coast College Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 2, 2022, 5:30 pm
Avery Professional Mariner Training Center**

Attendees: Dave Cline, Janet Ronnenberg, Rush Hill, Marc Harper, Madjid Niroumand, Blade Gillissen, Angelica Suarez, Kat Carroll, Doug Bennett, Sean Wellengard, Lori Ginex-Orinion, Shana Jenkins, Michelle Grimes-Hillman, Rene Kinn, Eileen Lewis, Patrick Munoz, and Jeff Hyder

Guest: Sarah Hirsch, Brad Avery, Dave Grant, Lorraine Prinsky

- A. **Welcome & Introductions:** Dave Cline welcomed everyone as the board members and guests went around the table to introduce themselves.
- B. **Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2022 Meeting:** Minutes were approved as emailed with Dave Cline abstaining.
- C. **College Report:** Angelica Suarez delivered the College Report stating that last Friday, OCC celebrated its 74th Commencement in person with around 8,000 people in attendance. There were between 600-700 students participating and for some it was the only graduation ceremony that they may have experienced as many were unable to walk for their high school graduation. OCC has been able to complete many construction projects over the pandemic and has been preparing to welcome students back onto campus. This Fall semester, we should have 80% of our classes back on campus with 20% remaining online. Angelica then turned it over to Madjid to talk about what is happening in student services. Madjid stated that pending District Board Member approval, they have concluded talks with the OCTA to provide all students free bus passes for enrolled students starting in the Fall. On the 1st Floor of Watson Hall, Student Services is providing a HUB where students can go with any services that they may need. The HUB will also house the Retention/Success Matters Team to contact and assist students as well as a Dream Center for undocumented students. Pirates Cove is also being moved to a newer building with more space and accessibility. All students who applied to OCC are being sent packets courtesy of Marketing which include a Thank You Letter from President Suarez, a T-shirt, and information. Students who also stopped attending during the pandemic were sent packets to encourage them to return to campus, which produced a 50% outcome of students returning. Madjid then turned it over to Michelle to speak, who commented that the OCC Speech and Debate team had their Reader's Theater event with National Champions performing and it was well attended. The Allied Health Program held their pinning ceremony for the first time in 2 years with 83 graduates receiving their pins and being placed in jobs to give back to our community. Summer classes will begin soon and we are looking forward to educating students and members of the community. Angelica closed by saying that OCC Athletics had 4 conference championships, 2 state titles, 3 regional gold medals, and 3 national championships. OCC just finished interviewing for 12 faculty positions. Angelica acknowledged Dave Grant for his support and leadership at OCC upon his retirement from the Board of Trustees. Patrick Munoz motioned that David Grant be welcomed as an OCC Foundation Board Member. The motion was seconded and carried and Dave Grant graciously accepted.
- D. **Waterfront Campus Report:** Sarah Hirsch presented the report on the Waterfront Campus.
 1. **Instructional Programs:** Starting with instructional programs, Sarah stated that Summer Camp is to begin for the Waterfront Campus on Monday, which is the busiest time. The

Summer Camp has a very high enrollment and this year the Waterfront Campus implemented a quarterly enrollment process, because last year people were eager to take part and created waitlists that were 20 – 30 people long, therefore in order to allow for more people they opened classes for each season as opposed to the entirety of the year. Enrollment for the Summer Camp brought in \$40,000 on the first day. The Waterfront Campus is also teaching the Newport Beach Marina Park sailing classes that used to be run by UCI. The Summer Camp is adding a counselor in training for youth program for someone who has sailed in all the classes teaching them 2 weeks of leadership and counseling and then will act as a mentor for some of the youth classes. The Waterfront Campus continues to receive a grant from the Department of Boating and Waterways to support safe power boat handling instruction. The Professional Mariner program is a for-credit Associates and Certificate program through OCC is now operating in the new Waterfront Campus building. 6 students in the program have received scholarships to support them in the programs with 2 students at Honors Night. High Schoolers from Santa Ana will join the Professional Mariner program in the summer and Sarah is hopeful that will grow high school outreach and support the Maritime Industry.

2. **Visions for the Future:** This year, the Waterfront Campus had a comprehensive program review with a 6-year planning process for each department. The objectives that the team came up with include: a) Getting back into their offshore sailing program, b) add permanent staff, c) replace shield fleet, d) looking into attaining a research vessel, e) increasing wrap around support providing counseling and student services at the Waterfront Campus, f) increase participation of under served communities in Summer Programs, and g) keep supplies, equipment, and technology up-to-date such as the website. The Marine Programs Committee is reviewing all these objectives as they work to achieve them in tandem with Sarah and the staff of the Waterfront Campus.
 3. **Marine Programs Financial Update:** A cost analysis with the addition of a full-time employee for the simulator and the loss of the captain of the *Nordic Star* who retired, along with all other expenses, the Waterfront Campus is looking at a cost of just under \$50,000 per year. Having a full-time employee to operate the simulator is an urgent need and allows for the Waterfront Campus to facilitate outside organizations such as the Coast Guard and Navy in training potentially bringing in \$4,000 - \$6,000 per event.
 4. **Approval of 2022-2023 Budget:** The recommendation from the Marine Programs Committee was unanimous to support the funding request for just under \$50,000. The motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget with the funding request was made, seconded, and carried. Dr. Suarez made note that any employee of the college will go through the formal process for application.
 5. ***Nordic Star*:** Brad Avery spoke on the status of the *Nordic Star*, which is now on its 3rd deal with an accepted offer of \$550,000. However, the buyer has requested that the OCC Foundation extend the deal another month until he can find a place to donate his 85 ft boat. The sale of the *Nordic Star* will also free up birthing opportunities for the Waterfront Campus. The buyer is ready and motivated, so hopefully the removal of his other boat does not go beyond June 24th.
- E. **Ratification of Scholarship Awards:** Doug Bennett displayed the 2022/23 OCC Scholarships awarded at Honors Night in the amount of over \$607,249. Doug shared the story of one of the scholarship recipients, who spoke at Commencement and the Marketing Department compiled a video of her story. The minimum award for Honors Night is \$750 and Doug hopes to increase that minimum award amount in the future. The Scholarship Committee will look into expanding the amount of guests that can attend Honors Night and the operation of Honors Night. The motion to ratify the scholarship awards was made, seconded, and carried.

- F. **New Board Member Recruitment:** Dave Cline announced that the OCC Foundation Board is looking to recruit new members and would like to form a committee to actively seek out members. The by-laws state that the Foundation can be comprised of 30 members and with 21 currently active, it would be good to add 5 – 6 members. Patrick Munoz, Kat Carroll, and Lori Ginex-Orinion volunteered to head up the recruitment committee.
- G. **Sand Volleyball Court Update:** Jeff Hyder reported progress on the Sand Volleyball Update stating that TVP, who has done multiple projects on campus, has agreed to do initial drawings and planning process pro bono. The Jane Hilgendorf Committee observed the facilities at IVC and were offered the services of IVC Volleyball Coach, Tom Pestolesi at no cost to advise on the establishment of the facilities.
- H. **Investment Update:** Marc Harper reviewed the Investment Update explaining that the year-to-date investment is down 7.6%, which is good news as the benchmark is down 11.23%. Our investment advisors made some strategic moves at the end of the year in order to weather the storm and continue with our long-term philosophy with cash set aside for market risk. All things considered, the Foundation is doing about as good as we can hope to be doing.
- I. **Associated Students Report:** As Sierra is transferring to CSUF, Madjid Niroumand spoke on behalf of the Associated Students. ASOCC had their transition ceremony and finalized their budget process this year. Despite revenue shortfalls, ASOCC has a report to be approved by the Board of Trustees that will be providing \$1.5 million to support various departments and programs on campus. The Foundation is looking forward to meeting the new appointed rep for ASOCC.
- J. **Friends of the Library Report:** Eileen Lewis commended the Friends of the Library on their Book Sale. Thanks to Jane Hilgendorf's support, the FOTL was again able to fund the Springer Collection which is roughly 40,000 books available to college students to assist with students transferring to 4-year institutions. The FOTL assisted with the Giles T. Brown Symposium and would like to take part in it in the future. Eileen was very pleased with Honors Night and wanted to give kudos to Rich Pagel who volunteered his time to assist with renovating the Drop Boxes.
- K. **Executive Directors Report:** Doug Bennett closed out the meeting with the Executive Directors Report by talking about the Foundation Development Coordinator Job, which the Foundation approved a few meetings ago to fund 25% of the salary, and is hoping to see how many applied for the position on June 20th. Doug also remarked that on Saturday at 8am, the Sailing Center will be having their boat auction in front of the District Office with himself as the auctioneer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

- Marine Gear Sale & Auction, **Saturday, June 11, 8am, District Office**
- Foundation Board Meeting, **Thursday, August 4th, 5:30pm at the home of Mary Lynn Bergman-Rallis at 128 Via Mentone, Newport Beach**