



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
12:00 p.m., Thursday, February 28, 2011
San José City College Tech Center Room T-112

Minutes

Directors Present: Autumn Young, Rita Cepeda, Jeanine Hawk, Balbir Singh Dhillon, Pritpal Singh, Alex Torres,

Directors Absent: Neil Struthers, Ron Lind

Foundation Representative Present: Heather Saito

College Representatives Present: Marilyn Brock

Guests: Rosalie Ledesma, Fabio Gonzalez, San Jose Promise students, AB540 students

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Young called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m., there were no public comments.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Dhillon motioned to approve the agenda, Mr. Singh seconded and the motion carried.

III. Approval of March 24, 2011 Minutes

Mr. Dhillon moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Singh seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Presentation by Fabio Gonzalez and students about AB540

Fabio Gonzalez, who is the EOP&S Coordinator at SJCC as well as the ALMAS project coordinator. The ALMAS project was created to support students who are classified as AB540 students due to their immigration status. Mr. Gonzalez presented some of the highlights of the services they provide, which include a lending library so students can reduce their book budget, support services between the students, and outreach to high school students who are in similar situations. Mr. Gonzalez also pointed out that we have actually had many students who have come from Mission and De Anza because of this program, which they have heard about through word of mouth.

Chancellor Cepeda shared that there are a lot of myths about AB540 students and that most of them are un-true. AB540 students tend to be students who have been in this country since they were very young children, they have been waiting to receive their citizenship since they were young and due to the 20 year back log in the immigration office, they often have to reapply when they turn 18 and start all over again because once they reach age 18 they are no longer eligible to be a part of their parents application. AB540 students have a high rate

of success because they are intrinsically motivated to succeed. The students that Mr. Gonzalez brought shared each of their individual stories.

Mr. Singh asked Chancellor Cepeda what the foundation board can do and Chancellor Cepeda responded that as we identify fundraising goals, it is important to create a campaign or initiative for this population of students as they represent the highest level of need as they are not qualified for financial aid. Chancellor Cepeda asked the foundation board to take a lead in “myth busting” and to create a comprehensive message for fundraising for this population of students.

V. San Jose Promise Presentation

Ms. Rosalie Ledesma presented an update to the board about San Jose Promise, which is an initiative the board helped to fund. Ms. Ledesma highlighted the successes of the program. Highlights include:

- 62 students were recruited, 42% of whom were AB540 students
- 43 students were officially enrolled
- All of the students who participated in San Jose Promise had a higher level of success in Math and English than their peers

When Mr. Torres arrived, he shared that this is exactly the type of program that funders at places like Applied Materials and Cisco would like to fund because it has a core science and math component. San Jose Promise was launched in April 2010 to address the issue of why students who were in our district were not attending our schools. This program, one of three promise programs in the state of California was started with the Mayor’s Office. Ms. Ledesma would like to loop the Mayor’s Office back into the program.

VI. Investment and Spending Policy

Due to time constraints, Vice Chancellor Hawk requested that items VI and VII be deferred to the next meeting

VIII. Reports

- Chancellor Cepeda** – Chancellor Cepeda shared a few brief items, she had a meeting with Carmen Castellano from the Castellano Family Foundation. Ms. Castellano shared that she wanted to support the district financially and would like a menu of what our funding priorities are.
- EVC President** – Graduation at EVC will be held May 26 at 6:00 p.m., 400+ students will be graduating, including 40 nursing students. In general, things are going well, except for the lack of direction from the state.
- SJCC President** – Dr. Kavalier was not in attendance due to the Classified Recognition Event at SJCC
- Foundation Director** – Ms. Saito deferred her report as the closed session agenda was more time sensitive.

IX. Treasurers Report

Deferred to the next meeting

X. Policy Manual Update

Deferred to a later meeting

XI. Board Member Recruitment

Deferred to a later meeting

XII. Approval of Closed Session Agenda

Mr. Dhillon moved to adjourn to closed session at 2:15 p.m., Mr. Singh seconded the motion and the motion carried.

XVI. Announcement of Reportable Action Taken During Closed Session

Mr. Torres reported that the board had accepted the staff recommendation to sunset the accountant contract as of June 30 and have the director be upgraded to a .75 employee as of July 1, 2011. Mr. Torres asked Ms. Saito to immediately begin immersing herself in the accounting procedures and knowing where all of the files and materials are. He also expressed slight concern at the level of due diligence and technical knowledge that would be necessary to complete both jobs, but Vice Chancellor Hawk assured him that the district accounting staff would be available to support the position.

XVII. Adjournment

Mr. Dhillon moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 p.m., Mr. Singh seconded the motion and the motion carried.