

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE FOUNDATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 25, 2014 ♦ 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
LOCATION: ROOM L238 North

Present: Melyn Acasio, Jean Roesch, Melinda Nish, Ben Green, Linda Gilstrap, Chayo Moreno, David Hoffman, Mitch Thompson, Ricardo Macedo, Nora Vargas, Patti Finnegan, Cynthia Reyna, Joe Martinez (arrived at 7:37 a.m.) and Ruben Garcia (arrived at 7:39 a.m.)

Absent: Hank Murphy, Jesse Navarro, Kimberly Paul, Dukie Valderrama and Holly Hidingier

Recorder: Dawn Perez

1. WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER – Ben Green

President Green called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – ACTION (Enclosure) – Ben Green

- A. Motion made by Ricardo Macedo, seconded by Cynthia Reyna and unanimously approved to accept the minutes for January 28, 2014.

3. TREASURERS REPORT – Information (Enclosure) – Cynthia Reyna

- A. Cynthia Reyna presented the Financial Report for January 2014

4. REQUEST FOR FUNDS – ACTION – (Enclosure) – Joe Martinez/Hank Murphy

- A. The following Student/College Activities Request for Funds projects were approved at the amount indicated:

- School of Counseling & Personal Development/HUBU Region X Conference–fund at \$1,200
- School of Counseling & Personal Development/EOPS Summer Readiness Program–fund at \$1,800
- Psi Beta National Honor Society/WPA Psychology Conference–fund at \$1,000
- Phi Theta Kappa/International Convention–fund at \$1,000
- School of HESA-AT/Athletic Hall of Fame–fund at \$240
- HEC San Ysidro/25th Anniversary Celebration–fund at \$1,000
- HEC Otay Mesa/Open House–fund at \$250

The following Student/College Activity was not funded at this time

- School of Arts & Comm/HESA-AT/ A Rite of Passage for African American Candidates for Graduation
- B. Student of Distinction Awards (SODA –Motion made by Patti Finnegan, seconded by Ruben Garcia and unanimously approved to fund at \$15,000.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Ben Green

- A. Nominating Committee – **ACTION –Ruben Garcia/Jesse Navarro**

- Motion made by Patti Finnegan and seconded by Melyn Acasio to renew Chayo Moreno's term to February 2017

- B. Fundraising Committee

- Gala 2014 – Melyn Acasio/Mitch Thompson

Mitch reported that he and Melyn looked at the Jacobs Center and the Hall of Champions as possible locations for the 2014 Gala; he noted that either venue are financially good options. He further mentioned that an alternative event was being considered in lieu of a gala; the theme of the proposed event is a luncheon honoring community, business and industry leaders who partner with SWC. The group discussed this idea and consensus was reached to pursue a luncheon event for 2014.

- Golf Tournament 2014 – Patti Finnegan

Patti reminded everyone that it is time to secure sponsorships and foursomes. Linda Gilstrap advised that she has confirmed with Sycuan that they will again be providing breakfast and lunch for our golf tournament participants. She also confirmed that one Gold sponsorship has been secured (Gensler) to date.

6. **SWCF PROGRAM ACCOUNTS – ACTION (Enclosure) – Ben Green**

A. Seeking approval of finalized documents regarding Program Accounts

- Suggestions were made by directors for additional information to be added to the documents. These additions will be made and the documents will be brought forward next month for approval.

7. **GOVERNING BOARD REPORT – Nora Vargas, SWC Governing Board Trustee**

Trustee Vargas reported on the following:

- A workshop was held on community college Baccalaureate degrees. This workshop was led by Chancellor Constance Carroll from San Diego Community College District. A resolution from the SWC Governing Board is expected soon.
- Upcoming workshops include: Bonds & Finance and Student Success Initiatives.
- Dr. Nish has been making presentations on Southwestern College at various events within the community.
- Community forums will be held March 13 & 14 regarding Proposition R construction updates.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT REPORT – Melinda Nish, Ed.D.**

Superintendent/President Nish reported on the following:

- The entrance to the college from East H Street is closed for construction of the parking lot solar panel project
- 16 new full time faculty will be hired
- Student enrollment is up with a growth target
- Save the Date for Proposition R Outreach will be distributed 2/25 or 2/26.
- Discussions are taking place with our neighbors in Mexico and also SDSU regarding articulation agreements
- The International Student program with Qatar has been launched
- A tentative agreement has been reached with the faculty union
- Discussions are needed between the college and the SWCF to explore the hiring of an executive director for the Foundation and the subsequent sharing of the funding needed for this position
- Budget development for the District will begin in March

9. **ADJOURNMENT – Ben Green**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Next meeting date: March 25, 2014