

**SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE FOUNDATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 ♦ 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

Present: Melyn Acasio, Jean Roesch, Melinda Nish, Ben Green, Linda Gilstrap, Chayo Moreno (departed at 8:15), David Hoffman, Mitch Thompson, Ricardo Macedo, Patti Finnegan, Cynthia Reyna, Joe Martinez, Hank Murphy (departed at 8:25), Kimberly Paul, and Ruben Garcia.

Absent: Jesse Navarro, Dukie Valderrama, Nora Vargas, and Holly Hiding.

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 Ruben Garcia, seconded by Hank Murphy and unanimously approved to accept the minutes for February 25, 2014.

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

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

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Ben Green

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

5. Motion made by Mitch Thompson and seconded by Melyn Acasio to renew Jesse Navarro's term to March 2017.

- B. Fundraising Committee

- Golf Tournament 2014 – Patti Finnegan

Patti reported that a meeting had been held with Sycuan and that the event details are set. She asked directors to continue to work towards obtaining sponsorships and/or foursomes. The target is to raise \$30,000.

- Other fundraising event – Melyn Acasio/Mitch Thompson

Linda Gilstrap explained the efforts that the fundraising committee has gone through in narrowing down the type of fundraising event the Foundation should hold and the different venues that have been under consideration for the type of event to hold. A great deal of discussion was held and consensus was reached that in addition to the golf tournament a Tea/Fashion Show will be held in the fall at the Westgate Hotel.

5. SWCF PROGRAM ACCOUNTS – ACTION (Enclosure) – Ben Green

- A. Motion made by Mitch Thompson, seconded by Ruben Garcia to approve the finalized documents regarding Program Accounts with one change to be made in the set-up fee. Motion carried with Melyn Acasio abstaining.

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

Dr. Nish reported on Trustee Vargas' behalf:

- The Governing Board conducted an accreditation workshop and is looking closely at the self-evaluation the college will be preparing.
- A resolution in support of AB850 was approved.
- Work on a policy agenda for student success is in the works.

7. SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT REPORT – Melinda Nish, Ed.D.

Dr. Nish reported:

- In recruitment and hiring phase for several key positions. Of importance to the Foundation would be the position for an internal auditor who would be available to review the Foundation program accounts.
- The college will be fiscally independent on 1/1/15.

- SWC will be hiring 16 new tenure track faculty.
- Dr. Nish has been busy within the community updating organizations on what is happening at SWC. Two Proposition R forums have been held.
- A discussion regarding a full time executive director for the Foundation need to take place.

8. **ADJOURNMENT – Ben Green**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.