

**Orange Coast College Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 26, 2024, 5:30 pm
College Center Building, OCC Room 309**

Attendees: Jeff Hyder, Sean Wellengard, Dave Cline, Shana Jenkins, Kevin Ballinger, Raymond Tu, Mark Harper, Dave Grant, Kat Carroll, Rush Hill, Rich Pagel, Angelica Suarez, Liz Parker, Savannah Garcia, Tara Giblin, Bill Wood, Blade Gillissen, Doug Bennett, Rene Kinn, Rena Quinonez, and Dan Stefano

Guests: Larissa Nazarenko, Kevin Myers, and Monroe Isenberg

- A. Welcome & Introductions:** Jeff Hyder welcomed everyone to the meeting and the Board gave introductions for the benefit of our guests.
- B. Approval of Minutes of August 6 Meeting:** Minutes were approved as presented.
- C. Pirate Moment – “It’s Time for Ice Cream”:** A video was presented on the first week of the Fall semester at OCC with OCC Administration handing out “Pirate Pops” to students in front of the College Center Building.
- D. College Report –** In her report Angelica Suarez jumped right into the College Report stated that the position for the Executive Director for College Advancement is now posted. OCC continues to look for Federal Grants that assist the campus and last semester OCC applied for a \$900,000 grant over a 3-year period to go towards “Pirates in Need” which would support 1st year students’ basic needs: food, transportation, technology, housing. The Board will be kept informed of the outcome.
- E. Public Art “Tubes” Project:** Monroe Isenberg and Kevin Myers addressed the Foundation Board regarding Public Art “Tubes” Project. The Public Art seeks to invigorate the campus with art installations decided by a curatorial process and seeks to make the Public Art Project more sustainable. The pilot project for beautifying the campus and create artistic landmarks has started with Kevin’s “Tubes” that he worked on during his sabbatical as a resident artist at the Mission Clay Factory in Pheonix, AZ. The factory makes the largest extruded pipe in the country and Kevin carved and painted pipes weighing 4,000 lbs. each . The finished pipes will be shipped over to the back of the Doyle on January 8th and presented in a show on the 27th. Kevin Myers went down to the Mission Clay Factory 7 times and stayed for a week each time to complete this project. 4 giant pipes are decorated and glazed in the process of being fired with the hopes of having them installed around campus at the cost of \$50,000.
- F. Orange County Children’s Book Festival:** Rena Quinonez and Doug Bennett spoke on the success of the Orange County Children’s Book Festival on Sept 22nd and presented a video of the event with interviews from the authors. Jeff Hyder was appreciative of the crowd turnout and the turnout of Board Members supporting the event. Rena recapped that there were 121 exhibitors, 4 stages, 4 food trucks, the planetarium running packed shows, and a big jump in Instagram following with 76,000 views in the one month leading up to the Book Festival. Doug and Rena will bring a proposal to the next

Executive meeting to bring on an Assistant/Project Coordinator specifically for the OC Children's Book Festival as it has grown exponentially. Rough estimate shows that the OC Children's Book Festival made a profit as opposed to last year, and financials will be presented at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

- G. Executive Committee Report:** Jeff Hyder began the Executive Committee Report as Giving Tuesday is fast approaching. The Committee would like to allot \$26,000 from the Pepsi Grant and \$24,000 from Management Fees to match .50 on the dollar for up to \$2,000 as the OCC Foundation has done in years past. The motion to allocate \$26,000 from the Pepsi Grant and \$24,000 from Management Fees for Matching Gifts on Giving Tuesday was made, seconded, and passed. The Campus Beautification Project and Walking Tour hopes to get the Foundation Board out and around the 164-acre OCC Campus to see its beauty and growth over the years and find the hidden gems of OCC. Also, the Foundation will see parts of the campus that it is working to improve/beautify that will be marked as being supported by the OCC Foundation. The Tour would start at 3:30pm on a weekday and carts will be provided.
- H. Finance Report:** Doug Bennett gave the Finance Report showing the overview for the period ending August 2024. Total Net of Fees has averaged 7.1% since 2012. Finances are performing well within expectations. Asset Allocation is very close to policy and is doing well. With financial earnings at 7.1% spending at a 5% level the college is beyond financially stable. The data from these reports provided by Northern Trust show the fiscal responsibility of the Foundation and encourage donors. The endowment report that was emailed out will be reviewed at the next Foundation Board Meeting.
- I. Marine Programs Update:** Doug Bennett continued with the Marine Programs Report. With Patrick Munoz cruising around Sardinia in celebration of his 60th birthday, Dan Stefano stepped in to the final interviews for the Waterfront Campus Director position. HR is currently in the Reference Check process and once that is completed announcements will be made. Regarding Boat Donations, Brad Avery has a number of year-end prospects and with a change after Presidential Elections there may come a change in tax law as Tax Law in 2017 sunsets in December 2025. The Marine Program sold 5 boats with 3 trailers along with smaller marine items and is looking to get more publication for future online auctions which had its pros and cons but the system is still in development and is improving.
- J. ASOCC Report:** Savannah Garcia delivered the ASOCC Report. The Pirate Involvement Fair (formerly Club Rush) started the semester with 68 booths in the Main Quad and helped a lot of clubs gain new members. Among the highlighted clubs in that respect was the Dungeons & Dragons Club garnering over 200 students showing interest from last year only having 20 members in the Spring. The Advocacy Committee had their voter registration day called "Pop Into The Polls" in front of the MBCC Building and OCC joined the Ballot Poll Rankings showing that among the 116 community colleges participating OCC ranked 15th in the state of California. ASOCC held "Speed Friending" yesterday which allows students to connect and make friends with peers on campus. The event had a 44% increase in participation from last year with a 4.5-star rating on the OCC Mobile App. The College Life Committee is presenting a movie to be determined on Thursday, October 17th at 7pm in the Main Quad. Officer Training will take place the day

of Science Night providing training for 14 new members, not including the new members being interviewed tomorrow. Science Night will take place Friday, October 4th from 4 – 10pm. CCCSAA training will be held in LA this year for ASOCC to conference with other community college student bodies. This year there are 50 active clubs on campus, which is a significant increase from last year's 20 clubs. Jeff Hyder stated that according to the Orange County Register's Best of OC Magazine, OCC is rated #1 among Community Colleges in Orange County. Jeff will forward the article to Doug to send to the Board.

- K. Friends of the Library Report:** The Friends of the Library Report was presented by Kevin Ballinger, who stated that last night was the BANFF Film Festival with around 250 people in attendance. Corporate sponsors that gave out raffle prizes included REI and WTC in Orange County. HTT and Circle K students helped with the event. The next BANFF Film Festival is March 11th and 12th. On October 21st and 22nd, the FOTL will have its Book Sale. The FOTL gave out three racks of free books at the OC Children's Book Festival. The FOTL are looking to present a Historical Display in the OCC Library and/or on campus. Membership Renewal was sent out in September and members also receive the Tide Report to stay abreast of campus events.
- L. ETeams Athletic Fundraising:** Rena Quinonez delivered the news that OCC is #1 amongst California Community Colleges fundraising through ETeams. This Fiscal Year (since July 1st), OCC has already received \$41,000 through its ETeams.
- M. Executive Director's Report:** Doug Bennett closed the meeting with the Executive Director's Report. A donor gave \$100,000 for a display in the new Chemistry Building of the Periodic Table of Elements with each box containing an example of the element and/or information on it. A retired faculty gave \$11,800 and challenged the Chemistry Faculty to match that and so the Foundation is helping fundraise by selling the elements for \$250 each with each donation naming the box that the element is in. An online brochure will be sent out to the Board tomorrow, if any wish to purchase elements. Elements will be purchased on a first come, first served basis concerning specific elements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

Future Meetings & Events:

- **Aviation Open House, Thursday, October 3, 5-7 pm**
- **Community Science Night, Friday, October 4, 5 pm -8 pm**
- **Giving Tuesday, All Day, Tuesday, December 3**
- **Foundation Board Meeting, Thursday, December 5, 5:30 pm Santa Ana Country Club**
- **Executive Director Retirement Party, Friday, December 13, College Center Ballroom**