



Unadopted Minutes

Board of Directors

Thursday, March 16, 2023
Social Time 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Meeting 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
707 Elliott Avenue, Community Room

Members: Teresa Norton – Chair, Suzy Marzalek – Vice-Chair, Frank Chong - Secretary, Scott Bartley, Maggie Fishman, Doug Garrison, Suzy Marzalek, Kerry Rego, Jorge Servin, Kris Shear, Bill Traverso, Marion Walker, Shirley Ward, Steve Page, Carolina Spence

Jeff Bricker, Kate Jolley - Treasurer

Absent:

Staff: J Mullineaux, Breanne Beseda, Sarah Laggos

1) Call to order – Teresa Norton

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm with a reading of the land acknowledgement

2) Public Comment – Teresa Norton

Pj LoCoco encouraged the group to purchase tickets to AgStravaganza.

3) Approval of minutes – Teresa Norton

Minutes of the 1/19/23 meeting were distributed in advance.
Suzy Marzalek motion, Steve Page second, unanimous approval. M/S/P

4) President's Update – Frank Chong

Numbers are up – more students are on campus and taking more units. Serious challenges around mental health and stress are common across CA community colleges; we are doing more training and hiring to address triggers. We are also exploring how to address mental health challenges for employees. Student housing and STEM buildings continue to make good progress. SRJC Women's Basketball team made it to the Final Four, and spring sports are in high gear. Spring theater productions ("Gloria" and "Addams Family Musical") have been fantastic. He met with the new state chancellor and was very impressed with her focus on reform and DEI initiatives.

Trustee Fishman provided an update on the presidential search process. The advisory committee (shared governance) has selected the smaller group of four from the larger applicant pool who will be interviewed. Community forums will be held with the opportunity to submit questions to candidates. J will share information and links for the forums. The goal is to have an offer out by the end of the month.

5) Board Culture

- Why Stories – Teresa Norton

Board members Scott Bartley, Marion Walker, and Shirley Ward shared their personal “why stories” providing history, perspective, and inspiration with the group

- Culture of Philanthropy – Suzy Marzalek

Executive Committee revisited the Fundraising Culture vs. Culture of Philanthropy chart introduced by Scott Ormerod and decided to regularly bring statements and questions to the board for discussion. Several examples and ideas were shared for opportunities to invite friends and potential donors to join on campus/building tours, college events, etc. There were several questions and suggestions about a comprehensive SRJC calendar of events. Kris Shear challenged each board member to attend at least one campus event prior to the next Board meeting.

6) Spring Engagement Opportunities – Breanne Beseda

Several upcoming events present key engagement opportunities. The board was provided with details for and encouraged to participate (and invite others to join) in the following:

- Foundation Building Dedication – March 30 @ 707 Elliott Ave.
- Chong Theatre Reception – April 21 @ Studio Theatre, Santa Rosa campus
- Friends of SRJC Athletics Hall of Fame – April 22 @ Haehl Pavilion
- Friends of Ag/NR AgStravaganza – May 13 @ Shone Farm
- President’s Address and Celebration – June 1 @ Shone Farm
- Board Installation Dinner – June 29 (TBD)

7) Governance – Suzy Marzalek

- Board Demographics Matrix & Nominating

A form will be distributed to gather additional demographic information from each board member to inform diversity/affiliations/network for future recruitments.

8) Comments on Foundation Written Reports

Shirley shared appreciation for the comprehensive information provided in advance of the meetings through the written reports.

9) Other Business

A suggestion was made to alternate between “why stories” and campus program presentations. In May we will hear about a program and in July we will hear “why stories”

FY22 Annual Report is complete and ready for distribution. J shared a story from the report about a scholarship created to honor a student who recently passed away and the first recipient who has received it as an example of a “mission moment”.

There was a request that we brainstorm ways to strengthen connections to students in conversation (rather than presentation). Kerry Rego volunteered to take lead and Breanne Beseda volunteered to partner.

10) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm