



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION MINUTES

June 22, 2020 - 5:00 p.m. – SBVC ADSS 207

SBVC Foundation Board Directors Present/Absent:

P	Amy Avelar	P	Sam Lucia	P	Allynn Scott
P	Susan Bangasser	P	Justin Martinez	P	Michael Sola
A	Paul Bratulin	A	John McMahon	P	Scott Stark
P	Dennis Byas	P	Kerry Neal	A	Edward Szumski
P	John Echevarria	P	Patricia Nickols-Butler	P	Dexter Thomas
P	Robert Garcia	P	Faye Pointer	A	Jose Torres
P	Gary Kelly	P	Beverly Powell	P	Bea Valdez
P	Kenneth Lane	P	Diana Z. Rodriguez	A	Anne Viricel
P	Mike Layne	A	Gary Saenz		

SBVC Staff: Girija Raghavan and Phylicia Sanchez

I. Call to Order:

President Beverly Powell called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Introductions were made by current and new board directors.

III. Support for DACA and Transfer Students President Rodriguez and Scott Stark

President Rodriguez thanked the Board for their time and consideration of the presentation. It was clarified that the funding that is being asked for from the Board is not only for DACA students, but the funding is for all undocumented students. At the June 10, 2020 Board meeting, President Rodriguez asked the Board to consider putting aside two different pots of money for the students. The first pot of money would be used to assist students that are transferring to four-year colleges and universities. Many of the students who are interested in transferring, do not have the funds to pay for the application fees. The application fees are approximately \$70 per application. President Rodriguez would also like to ask the Board for funding to assist undocumented students. The Federal Government distributed funding to the colleges and universities through the CARES Act to assist the students directly with their needs. At the time, the college was unable to use the funding for undocumented students. Since June 18, 2020, there was a ruling stating that colleges could use the funding for undocumented students. By the time this ruling was made, that institutions could share the funding with undocumented students, the funding had already been distributed based on the original information that was provided to the college. President Rodriguez asked the Board to set aside funding from their unrestricted investment accounts to assist students with transfer fees and to assist undocumented students.

The Board was informed that there are approximately 450 undocumented students at SBVC. Not all the undocumented students that attend the college have been identified due to fear of retaliation or fear of deportation. Currently, there are about 1,500 transfer students on our campus at any given time. The Board is looking for clarification from our auditor and Bank of

America regarding the Foundation's investment accounts. Scott Stark and Mike Layne spoke with these individuals regarding the investment accounts. The institution was given just over \$3 million for the CARES Act. The institution distributed this funding in the amount of approximately \$875 per student. At the time, there was no plan on how the college was going to be able to assist undocumented students since they were not eligible to receive funding from the CARES Act. The college did not have a plan on how to assist undocumented students due to the State and Federal Government not allowing institutions to use the funding they have available to distribute to the undocumented students. Currently, Craffton Hills does not have a plan or money set aside for undocumented students. Craffton Hills has approximately \$60,000 to \$70,000 set aside for emergency uses for students. Students can apply for emergency funding through the Craffton Hills Foundation. The funding that is being asked for by President Rodriguez would come from the unrestricted funds that are in the investment accounts and not from the endowment funds. The Board has the authority to say what the unrestricted funds can be used for. Through the CARES Act, the college was able to set aside approximately \$300,000 in case some students were missed from being awarded this funding. The college would use the \$300,000 before any funds are used from the Foundation's funding.

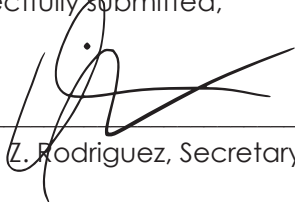
Currently, in the Foundation's unrestricted account, there is \$280,000 in gains. Since President Rodriguez has been at the college, the Foundation has not had to use the gains from the unrestricted account. Stark clarified with the Board the three categories of money that the Foundation has. Permanently restricted or endowment is where a donor has given the Foundation money where the principle will remain untouched. The gains of the endowment would provide funds. Temporarily restricted is funding that has been donated, where the Foundation can use gains from the funding. The money is given to the Foundation for a specific purpose to support a program or a scholarship. There are restrictions on how funding can be spent on a temporary account. Unrestricted funding is used for operations, to fund events, and for marketing purposes. Some of the unrestricted funding is in the Arrowhead Credit Union account and some are in the investment accounts with Bank of America. The majority of the investments are with Bank of America. There is over \$300,000 invested with the Foundation for California Community College for scholarships. Stark and Layne spoke with the Bank of America investors and the auditor Pat Spafford regarding the unrestricted investment accounts. In 2016, the Foundation transferred money from another investment program to Bank of America. The initial investment was \$3.16 million. In 2017 and 2018, additional funds were deposited into the investment account. The total amount invested was \$3.4 million. Year to date gains from 2016 to May 31, 2020, is \$814,765. \$130,000 has been subtracted from the amount for account management fees. The total gains after fees were deducted is \$684,369 as of May 31, 2020. This is approximately a 20% gain from 2016. Per our auditor Pat Spafford, as of June 30, 2019, the unrestricted funds that were in our investment accounts with Bank of America was \$291,000. Since June 30th, we have taken a 4% loss to the investment accounts. As of today, the Foundation has \$280,000 of unrestricted funds in the investment accounts. President Rodriguez and Stark are asking the Board to withdraw funds for the transfer fees and the undocumented students from the \$280,000.

Currently, the \$280,000 had not been allocated for anything specific. Currently, there are enough funds in the Arrowhead Credit Union account to cover the expenses for the year based on the budget. President Rodriguez asked the Board to put forward \$200,000 from the investment accounts to complement the \$300,000 the college has set aside. The Board had

concerns about giving the funding amount requested to the college because there might be similar needs for next year. President Rodriguez informed the Board that the college is anticipating additional funding for next year to support the students. President Rodriguez recommends following the same process that the college has in place for distributing the funds so that all of the students are treated equally. The process is that the students identify themselves and the college verifies that they are students of the institution. The amount given to the students was based on the number of units the student was enrolled in for the spring term. The Board suggested for the college to award the students the funding and the Foundation would reimburse the college. The Board is also concerned about providing a large amount of money to the college now and not being able to bring in money from fundraising due to COVID-19. Nichols-Butler motioned to approve \$180,000 out of the \$280,000 from the unrestricted investments to give to the campus for the undocumented students and transfer students. The motion was seconded by Scott and the motion was approved. It was determined by the Board that \$5,000 would be given to use for transfer fees and \$175,000 would be used for the undocumented students. The college plans on using the \$300,000 that has been set aside from the CARES Act before using the funding that is being given by the Foundation. The funding will be taken out of Bank of America and deposited into the Arrowhead Credit Union account. The Foundation would like accounting on how the funds are used. Stark and Layne will work with Bank of America on having the funds wired transferred to the Arrowhead Credit Union account. Stark informed the Board that the college does not have the funding to front the money to the students and form the Foundation reimburse the college. Stark is asking the Board to have the funding ready so when they run out of the funding from the CARES Act then the funding from the Foundation will be available to the college. If the college does not use the full \$180,000 then the remaining amount will be returned to the Foundation along with an account of what was spent. President Rodriguez thanked the Board for their incredible generosity and thanked the Board on behalf of the students for their generosity to step up and assist the students in a very equitable way.

X. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Z. Rodriguez, Secretary