



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION MINUTES

January 13, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. – ZOOM

SBVC Foundation Board Directors Present/Absent:

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

SBVC Staff: Phylicia Sanchez

I. Call to Order:

President Dennis Byas called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

II. Approval of minutes from November 18, 2020

Garcia moved, Thomas seconded, minutes were approved with minor changes.

III. SBVC President's Report

- The spring semester will start Monday, January 19, 2021. The majority of the spring classes will be held online.
- Spring enrollment is continuing to struggle. The Marketing Department is working with the campus to try different ways to reach out to students to interest them in attending college online.
- The campus polled and spoke with many students to learn what challenges they were facing during the pandemic and why students were not returning to school. It was determined technology was not the biggest barrier for why students were not returning to the online classroom. Some students were not returning to school because some were looking for employment and some were facing difficulties in their home environment. Many different factors are contributing to why students are not returning to the online classroom. The college is reaching out to the students that are having difficulties and providing them with access to as many resources as possible.
- It has been determined that the summer semester will be held remotely. In mid-March, the college will decide if the fall semester will also be remote, face to face or some combination of both. The State Chancellor did suggest planning to hold the fall semester remotely but that was before the conversation and the rollout of the vaccine.
- Friday, January 15th is the kickoff for the Spring Opening Day on Zoom. This year we are having guest speaker Nzingha Dugas. Ms. Dugas is the Executive Director of the Umoja Community Education Foundation. Ms. Dugas is going to have a conversation with the campus about equity, inclusion, and anti-racism.

IV. Committee Reports

- a) Alumni – Ed Szumski
No report.
- b) Board Development – Susan Bangasser
There are three Board Directors whose terms will be ending and will have to take a one-year break from the Board. There are two Board Directors whose first term will be ending but have agreed to stay on the Board to continue into their second term. Currently, the Board has 17 directors and will be losing three at the end of June. The Board could have up to 27 Board Directors. Bangasser asked the Board to assist in nominating members of the community that would make a good Board Director. The Board is looking for people who are committed to SBVC and have the capacity to contribute or bring in contributions to the Foundation. The Foundation Board nominations are due March 8, 2021. The Foundation orientation will be held in April. The new Board will begin their term on July 1, 2021.
- c) Finance – Bea Valdez
Please refer to the Director's report.
- d) Strategic Planning – Patricia Nickols-Butler
The Strategic Plan has been completed and was approved in September. No report.
- e) Fundraising – Dexter Thomas
No report.
- f) Audit – Dennis Byas
No report.

V. Director-'s Report: Mike Layne

Layne reported:

- The Foundation received the following grants recently:
 - Finish Line Scholars Program \$150,000 – The program is funded through the JB Pritzker Foundation and administrated by the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The Pritzker family will donate over \$100 million over the next 20 years to the Foundation for California Community Colleges to distribute to California community colleges. The 2020 award will assist SBVC students with emergency financial aid. The award will be combined with the \$20,000 from the Inland Empire Community Foundation and with the remaining funds that were donated by the Board to assist undocumented students. Around \$270,000 will be distributed to students during the spring semester. Currently, the Foundation is working with Financial Aid to determine eligibility. When applying, the student will have to provide a brief statement regarding the hardship. Approved applicants will receive awards of \$500. The 2021-2022 Finish Line Program application is due in February for another \$150,000.
 - First Response Fund: Foster Youth 2020 \$10,665 – This grant was awarded to 29 students who are current or former foster youth that need emergency financial assistance.
 - San Bernardino County Nonprofit Assistance Program \$20,000 – The grant was awarded to nonprofits that had event fundraising loss due to COVID-19.
- Obershaw Estate Trust Over \$300,000 – The Obershaw Estate will be donating over \$300,000 to the Foundation. Layne has started the paperwork for the Foundation to

obtain the donation. A meeting is scheduled for January 29th with the Obershaws to discuss how they would like the funds to be utilized.

- In November, the Foundation's first quarterly newsletter was sent to over 5,000 emails. The next newsletter is scheduled to go out in February/March.
- Currently, the Annual Report is at the Print Shop. It is expected to go out in the mail by the end of January.
- The Foundation is currently in the process of applying for a U.S. Department of Education Talent Search Grant. The grant is a federal grant to build pathways for middle school and high school students to attend SBVC. The grant is focusing on high schools and feeder middle schools that are in the immediate proximity of SBVC.
- The forms for Layne to have access to the Foundation's investment account have been submitted. Layne should have access to the account soon.
- A Year-to-Date budget through November was reviewed by the Board. The Executive Committee receives monthly updates on the budget and expenditures. At the end of November, the Foundation brought in more funding than they have anticipated. The Board was reminded that the budget was put together based on actual expenditures for the first two to three months. Also, the grant income will increase over time, but the budget is in good shape. The Foundation is on track to have a surplus of funds by the end of the fiscal year.
- The San Manuel Grant was scheduled to end in December. The Foundation had to submit an additional extension request for the grant. If the grant request is approved, then the remaining funds will be repurposed to distribute as emergency financial aid to Valley Bound Commitment (VBC) students. The Board was informed that some of the VBC students have dropped out of school after the fall 2020 semester due to the pandemic.
- Sanchez provided the Board with an update on scholarships. The scholarship application is currently open to students. The application will close on January 31, 2021. Currently, there are 274 applications submitted and 489 applications have been drafted. Sanchez is currently working on identifying all scholarships the Foundation will be able to award. The applications will be reviewed during February and March and selections will be made at the end of March.

VI. Old Business: Dennis Byas

No report.

VII. New Business: Dennis Byas

No report.

VIII. Other: Dennis Byas

- President Rodriguez was asked for an update regarding the bonds that were passed for SBCCD. At a future meeting, information on current projects and timelines will be provided to the Board.
- Layne recognized Board Member Martinez for his assistance in facilitating a call with Bank of America regarding a grant opportunity.
- President Rodriguez asked the Board to let her know if any students that are struggling or in need of assistance that are currently enrolled in online classes.

- Echevarria expressed that he is in charge of the SBPD's Police Explorers Program and currently there are six explorers in the program that attend SBVC. Echevarria thanked the Board for how they assist the students and the campus.

IX. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Z. Rodriguez, Secretary