

Ventura College Foundation
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 5:15 p.m.
Ventura College Campus, MCW 312

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the above corporation was held on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.** at the Ventura College Campus, MCW 312 in Ventura, CA. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct general business.

A quorum was declared present based on the presence of the following directors:

Directors Present (18):

Bob Beilin, Boomer Butler, Ken Collin, Ellyn Dembowski, Ruth Hemming, Kim Hoffmans, David Keebler, Anne King, Nicole Kreutz, Matt LaVere, Michael Montoya, Michael Orman, Rene Rodriguez, Donna Santo, Eleanor Tillquist, George Tillquist, Rob van Nieuwburg, Leslie Herrera

Directors Absent (6): Elena Brokaw, Aurora de la Selva, Helen Yunker, Amy Cherot, Patricia Wendt, Stephen Kipp

VCF Staff Present (4): Susan O’Connell, Kathryn Walters CPA (contractor), Julie Harvey, Gerry Pantoja

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Rob van Nieuwburg called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

WELCOME

Mr. van Nieuwburg welcomed board members. Mr. van Nieuwburg introduced Student Board member and ASVC President, Leslie Herrera. Ms. Herrera shared information regarding a Black History Month event happening on campus February 22, 2018 and invited all to attend.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- **MOTION:** Mr. van Nieuwburg moved that the Board of Directors approve the September 27, 2017 Board of Directors minutes. Mr. Montoya approved. Mrs. Dembowski seconded. MSC
- **MOTION:** Ms. Santo moved that the Board of Directors approve the CalPERS contract amendment. MSC-Unanimous.
- **MOTION:** Mrs. Dembowski moved that the Board of Directors approve additional liability insurance to cover all VCF volunteers. Mrs. Tillquist seconded. MSC-unanimous.
- **MOTION:** Dr. Hemming moved that the Board of Directors approve the selection of HR consultant BBSI of Camarillo. Mr. LaVere seconded. MSC

- **STUDENT SPEAKER**

Mrs. King introduced student speaker, Ivan Vega. Mr. Vega was born in Mexico and moved to Oxnard illegally with his family at two years old. His parents started out working in the fields, but eventually created a home cleaning business, and currently have a food truck that serves farm workers. Mr. Vega always desired to attend college, but did not know how he would afford tuition and expenses. As a senior in High School, he found it extremely difficult to apply to universities without a social security number. Assistance was unavailable to him, and he missed application deadlines. Mr. Vega faced challenges in getting assistance at VC and Oxnard campuses. He learned of the VCF Promise program and did research on the AB540 and Dream Act. The Promise was a big relief. Mr. Vega was able to work just one job as a part time janitor instead of two jobs. The Promise allowed him to enroll in more units than he would have been able to without it. Originally, Mr. Vega was an engineering major. He obtained work as a youth organizer for CLUE-VC (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice of Ventura County). He was in charge of the Dreamers Without Borders program where he assisted undocumented students navigate resources and network with other student groups at local colleges and universities. He was able to teach parents about the American educational system and about deportation defense. Mr. Vega felt emotionally conflicted because he knew engineering would provide greater job security, but had no passion for it. Helping people was his passion. He changed his major to sociology. A friend informed Mr. Vega of a trip to Mexico with a group of other Dreamers and DACA students to study Mexican history, visit families in Mexico, and seek therapy to help deal with identity issues. The Foundation assisted Mr. Vega with the costs of this trip. The trip was extremely risky. There was no guarantee he would be able to re-enter the United States. It was a once in a lifetime experience, and left him feeling more comfortable with his American/Mexican identity. Mr. Vega currently works for the VC Financial Aid where he is able to help others navigate the resources available. He will graduate VC in May 2018. He plans to transfer to four-year University (preferably UCLA) to earn his bachelors to become a lawyer, or work for the United Nations. Mr. Vega has applied for scholarships through the VC Foundation. He thanked the board for their support and acknowledged that without the Promise Program he would not have been able to attend college.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Hemming asked to remove the vote to fund the purchase of the freezer and locks for the food pantry as the pantry is moving out of Guthrie Hall and the funding would have come from the Guthrie Operating Endowment.

COMMITTEE, STAFF, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Board Chair: Mr. van Nieuwburg gave the report. Mr. van Nieuwburg shared his excitement in attending the January 19, 2018 VCF campus tour. He encouraged other BOD members to join a tour in the near future as well as invite friends and colleagues. Mr. van Nieuwburg asked for a motion that previous VCF BOD members Richard Taylor and John Woolley be granted Board Emeritus status. Mr. van Nieuwburg suggested Mr. Taylor and Mr. Woolley be acknowledged for their service at next BOD meeting in March 2018.

- **MOTION:** In recognition of their significant contributions and years of service to the Ventura College Foundation, Richard Taylor, Esq. and John Woolley, Ed.D are granted Board Emeritus status. Dr. Hemming moved and Mr. Montoya seconded. MSC.

College President: Mr. Keebler gave the report. Mr. Keebler thanked the BOD for the support to VC students and staff with the VCF Emergency Fire Relief Fund. Mr. Keebler expressed gratitude that the community stepped up to assist in the aftermath of such a devastating event. The Thomas Fire brought out the best in the Ventura community. Mr. LaVeré explained that the VCF may receive additional funds from the upcoming benefit concert for the Thomas Fire fund. Mr. Keebler described the growth of the Pirates Chest from community donations and support. Mr. Keebler noted that things are just getting back to normal at VC. Dr. Hoffmans discussed how the mudslides affected travel for employees and students. Dr. Hoffmans mentioned that the nursing graduation ceremony was rescheduled due to fire. Dr. Hoffmans graciously thanked Eleanor & George Tillquist for the generous gift of the ceremonial nursing pins.

Executive Director: Anne King gave the report. Mrs. King reported further how the Thomas Fire fostered goodwill in the community. Immediately after the fires began, the VCF executive committee held an emergency meeting to approve the VCF Emergency Fire Relief Fund grant program. To date, VCF has received 111 applications, and 63 grants have been awarded. The remaining are waiting for reader verification and approval. The VCF has received enough funding to award 86 total thus far.

Mrs. King proudly introduced new employees Gerry Pantoja and Julie Harvey. Mr. Pantoja is the new Director of Major and Planned Giving and Ms. Harvey is the new Development Manager. Mrs. King announced that the position for the Database Coordinator position has been posted through online media.

Campus Tours have been successful. Mrs. Dembowski invited Mark Ouchi who is now interested in hosting a House Party. Mrs. King encouraged the board to sign up and attend a tour as well as provide contacts to volunteers and staff to invite.

Mrs. King instructed the board to reach out to VCF staff contact Suzie O'Connell if they need assistance with campus parking permits or name badges. Mrs. King announced the VC Promise program will be featured on a TV show called Success Files hosted by actor Rob Lowe. The filming of the eight-minute segment will be on campus on March 19th.

Mrs. King notified the board that VCF has hired an attorney in regards to the Miriam Schwab estate.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS COMMITTEE: Dr. Hemming gave the report. Dr. Hemming discussed highlights of the minutes of the districtwide systems meeting for the Promise with Dave Fuhrman from the VCCCD District offices. The next Scholarship and Grants committee is set for Tuesday, February 13.

PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Dembowski gave the report. Mrs. Dembowski explained that more House Parties need to be scheduled to raise money for the Promise. She encouraged the board to host and commit to inviting guests. Mr. van Nieuwburg added that every member of the board should host a party.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Kreutz gave the report. Mrs. Kreutz discussed the 1st quarter financials and the new formatting of the financials to correspond with the audit. Mrs. Kreutz explained the statement of activity. The BOD expressed that they would prefer both the abbreviated version and a detailed version going forward when presented with the statement of activity.

Audit Committee: Mrs. King reported that the 2016/2017 Audit was approved by a quorum via email.

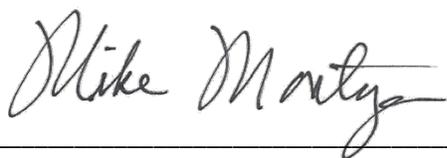
Investment Committee: Mr. Collin gave the report. Mr. Collin informed the board that investment meetings will occur twice a year. Mr. Collin highlighted that VCF will continue to utilize Payden & Rygel for management of investments.

Nominating Committee: No report

Personnel Committee: No report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 6:41pm.



Mike Montoya
Secretary, Board of Directors

March 7, 2018

Date

MINUTES TAKEN AND RECORDED BY SUSAN O'CONNELL.