



# WEST HILLS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

## WHCC Foundation Board of Directors

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### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 3, 2016



#### **CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of President Ann Stone, Chief Financial Officer Ernie Drewry called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:20 a.m. and led the board members and audience in the flag salute.

#### **Board members present:**

Ernie Drewry, CFO  
Kristin Clark, Staff Director  
Frank Gornick, Staff Director  
Fred Harrell, Community Director  
Carole Goldsmith, Staff Director  
Phil Larson, Community Director  
Laura Mendes-Moore, Secretary  
Nina Oxborrow, Trustee Director  
David Silveira, Community Director  
Ken Stoppenbrink, Staff Director  
Stu Van Horn, Staff Director

#### **Board members absent:**

Ann Stone, President  
Katie Delano, Vice President  
William Bourdeau, Community Director  
Steve Cantu, Trustee Director  
Sharon Gordon, Community Director

#### **Others present:**

Frances Squire, Executive Director  
Olga Keough, Accounting Technician  
Tina Simas, Foundation Secretary  
Mike Urner, Wells Fargo  
Dave Ivarie, Morgan Stanley  
Kelly Mynderup, VTD

#### **Introduction of Guests**

Frances thanked the board and guests for their attendance. Self-introductions were made at this time.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Committee Reports**

Kelly Mynderup of VTD gave a report on the annual Foundation audit.

Investment advisors David Ivarie, Morgan Stanley, and Mike Urner, Wells Fargo, attended the meeting to report on foundation portfolio performance for the fourth quarter of 2015. The consolidated fixed-income only report showed a beginning value of \$965,380.92 on October 1, 2015. Value at the end of the quarter was \$936,449.09 for a loss of .005 percent. The consolidated summary for both stocks and bonds started with a value of \$1,925,094.19 on October 1, 2015, and ended the quarter at \$1,979,290.82 for a gain of 1.42 percent.

### **Action Items**

The following agenda items were approved:

- On a motion by Phil Larson, with a second by Nina Oxborrow, the minutes of the November 4, 2015, board meeting were unanimously approved with revisions made to committee report.
- On a motion by Fred Harrell, with a second by Nina Oxborrow, the Foundation audit was approved and carried unanimously with the suggested revisions on page 3. (Foundation auditors reviewed the report following the meeting and confirmed that no changes were required).

### **West Hills College Coalinga and North District Center, Firebaugh – Dr. Carole Goldsmith, President**

Dr. Goldsmith began her report with the *President's Monthly Message* and discussed events and success on campus. Capturing students at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level who don't believe that college is in their future is the focus of a number of high school partnerships currently in process with WHCC. Dr. Goldsmith discussed the Farm of the Future and the partnerships they have formed with Wonderful Company and other agricultural companies offering internships, and career possibilities as well as an ag academy at Avenal High that will lead to a plant science degree that is now transferrable to Fresno State University. The World Ag Expo is next week and the Farm of the Future will have a display. Dr. Goldsmith announced tonight is the first President Scholars high school senior gathering on campus, meeting with parents, explaining the program and answering any questions. The same format will be duplicated at NDC. Dr. Goldsmith noted transportation from rural areas to campus is a struggle. Partnerships are being created to restructure bus routes to make transportation more assessable from rural towns. Dr. Goldsmith discussed changes in education and looking at ways to reduce the cost of text books and hopes to have 100% open educational resources (free) adoption. Dr. Goldsmith acknowledges she is very proud of the faculty and meeting student needs. Mr. Harrell asked if books on computer are in place. Dr. Goldsmith replied yes, publishing companies are changing to help meet student needs. Dr. Gornick added the college hosted an *Ag Hack-A-Thon*, where groups of students, faculty and Ag industry leaders came together to develop new apps. A young man from Huron, along with his team members, created an app for farm labor workers and explained

the app is like Uber for farm workers. The team has been to UC Davis and now has been sponsored to travel to Switzerland.

#### **West Hills College Lemoore – Dr. Kristin Clark, President**

Dr. Clark gave a brief introduction of herself and commented this has been a difficult week on campus due to the passing of recently retired President Don Warkentin so shortly after his retirement. She is very impressed with how the campus and community have come together and noted Don has left his thumb print on campus and it is obvious how much he is loved. Dr. Clark stated this is her fifth week at WHC Lemoore and she has been working on strategic planning where it connects with instruction. The new Student Union building is well under construction. WHC Lemoore was successful in achieving significant grant projects, two Career Pathway grants and Title 5. Curriculum is drastically changing, there is a noticeable difference in higher education and she is impressed with how faculty and staff are engaged and fully committed to making a difference in the lives of our students. Dr. Clark announced Gospel & Gumbo Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Dr. Gornick announced Dr. Clark's *Welcome Reception* Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at the WHCL Golden Eagle Arena foyer.

#### **Chancellor's Report – Dr. Frank Gornick, Chancellor**

Dr. Gornick began his report with condolences to the Warkentin family and announced plans for Don's services. Dr. Gornick noted the City of Lemoore and the campus had grief counseling services on campus for staff, students and faculty. Don's influence is full spectrum and he will be greatly missed. Dr. Gornick noted that he has received great feedback from the college, faculty and staff and community members about Dr. Clark. He noted that the Board of Trustees has two new members Mike Maldonado from Avenal and Bobbi Lee from Lemoore.

#### **Executive Director's Report – Frances Squire, Executive Director**

Frances opened her report by discussing her tour of the district with Jesus Martinez, Hugo Morales and Jeanette Ishii. They represent two groups that are planning immigration workshops for DACA students on the west side. They began their day with a tour of NDC and the Firebaugh child developments, they visited Mendota and were very impressed with the Westside Institute of Technology. Following lunch at Harris Ranch they toured the Farm of the Future, WHC Coalinga and then WHC Lemoore.

Frances noted the diligent pursuit of getting services to students. Along with the Long Beach/Ventura promise, where local area students have the opportunity to go to community college tuition free, the Corcoran Community Foundation has agreed to support a *Corcoran Promise*. WHCL staff are currently working on details. Also, a meeting is planned to lay a foundation for a *Coalinga Promise* as well.

Scholarship season is upon us and President's Scholars applications are already arriving. Frances encouraged the Foundation Board to keep sending names for donor meeting. Frances concluded her report by announcing that in lieu of flowers, Don's family has requested remembrance to be made to the Foundation to Don's scholarship.

### **Announcements and Presentations**

Ernie Drewry made the following announcements:

- Dr. Kristin Clark *Welcome Reception* on February 16, 2016 (4:00-6:00pm)  
Golden Eagle Arena foyer
- Wine & Wellness at WHCL Saturday March 11, 2016
- Third annual West Hills Century bike ride on Saturday March 12, 2016
- 20<sup>th</sup> annual President's Scholars golf tournament on Monday, June 13, 2016; tee time 8:30am
- Second annual West Hills College Car Show on Saturday, September 10, 2016

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

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Laura Mendes-Moore  
Secretary, Board of Director

