

Yuba Community College District Foundation Board

Minutes of August 07, 2024, Regular Foundation Board Meeting

The Yuba Community College District Foundation Board of Directors met on Wednesday, August 07, 2024, at Yuba College, 2088 N. Beale Road, Building 100A, Marysville, CA 95901.

YCCD Foundation Board Members Present: Wayne Ginsburg, Paul Dilley, Dirk Slooten, Eileen Schmidtbauer, Marcia Stranix, Richard Teagarden, Lizette Navarette, Tawny Dotson, Sonja Lolland

YCCD Foundation Staff Present: Jay Lowden, Faaizah Akhtar

Guests: Aaron Schmoekel, Investment Advisor

1. Call to Order

1.1. Call to Order

President Ginsburg called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Approval of the YCCD Foundation Regular Board Meeting Agenda

It is recommended that the Foundation Board approve August 07, 2024, YCCD Foundation Board Agenda as presented. Motion by Dirk Slooten, second by Richard Teagarden. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. Approval of the YCCD Foundation Regular Boad Meeting Minutes - May 01, 2024

3.1.1. It is recommended that the Foundation Board approve the Minutes of May 01, 2024, Foundation Board meeting. Motion by Richard Teagarden, second by Marcia Stranix. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

4. Open Agenda and Public Comment

4.1. No Public Comment

5. Consent Agenda

5.1. Acceptance of Contributions

It is recommended that the Foundation Board approve the Consent Agenda that includes the following: Donations for the period of April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024; Financials for the period ending 6/30/24; Newly Established Foundation Accounts for the period covering April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

6. Election of New Foundation Board Member

It is recommended that the YCCD Foundation Board of Directors approve Paul Dilley for membership on the Board representing the Woodland Community College service area. Motion by: Shouan Pan, second by Marcia Stranix. Final Resolution: Motion Carries

7. Information

7.1. Quarterly Investment Report

7.1.1. Aaron Schmoekel, the Foundation's Investment Advisor, provided a brief overview of the Investment Report for the year ending on June 30. 2023.

Mr. Schmoekel answered a question posed at the last quarterly meeting about the ability to exclude certain stocks that may be found to be objective. He informed the board that there is something coming up that would allow us to consider doing that. It is called a direct index which is where you can buy a stock index i.e. the S&P 500 and you can scratch out stocks that you do not want to invest in. He said they are working on it and will inform the Board once they have that process in place.

Board Member Slooten said we do want to maximize our investments but also be socially conscious about certain things we invest in.

Trustee Teagarden posed a question about whether it would be appropriate for a Foundation Board to make those kinds of decisions based on political topics. President Ginsburg offered that if there is a desire to discuss that in greater detail, he recommends there be a formal board discussion on this topic. Trustee Teagarden agrees there should be a discussion before these decisions are made. President Ginsburg informs he will investigate that and will let him know at the next board meeting.

8. Reports

8.1. Foundation Presidents Report

President Wayne Ginsburg has no additional information to report on.

8.2. YCCD Board of Trustees - Foundation Liaison Reports

Trustee Teegarden reported that the next YCCD Regular board meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2024, and both Woodland Community College and Yuba College convocation are on Friday, August 9, 2024. He asked that all Foundation Board Members try and attend these events.

President Ginsburg raised the issue with Trustee Teagarden about not having enough time at the Joint Board meeting to have a discussion.

Chancellor Pan said there will be a Joint meeting September 12, 2024, and we can have more discussions with the YCCD Board Members.

8.3. Woodland Community College Report

President Navarrette reported that Woodland Community College Convocation will be held August 09, 2024. Key topics will be better understanding the impact that AI has on education and how faculty is using it. Other topics will include exploring adult learners and how to bring back and re-engage individuals with little or no college experience and enroll at Woodland,

Lake or Colusa and provide them with support. Safety and Security will also be discussed as we transition into the new model. Lastly, to make sure everyone understands their role for accreditation in this upcoming academic year.

President Navarrette also informed the board that WCC placed this in the Dr. john Rice Awards for student success. This award is not applied for, it is based on data around equitable placement and the success of diverse students.

8.4. Yuba College Report

President Dotson reported that Yuba College will also hold convocation on August 9, 2024, Topics will include celebrating the significant enrollment growth, transitioning into new phase of the educational master plan: good jobs and good transfer. The inevitable goal of Yuba is focusing on what community colleges do best and that is delivering economic and social mobility for our students and being a part of the poverty solution. Yuba has also implemented the student success teams, which was part of the master plan for the year, and they are seeing success with those individuals helping those students to navigate the process from application to actual enrollment. Lastly construction is ongoing at Yuba, building 200 is getting remodeled as well as Building 1000. With Building 1000 under construction and being offline this has caused a challenge with the 10% enrollment increase but the college is navigating around this.

Board Member Stranix questions if they will ever reconstruct Building 500. President Dotson informed that there have been multiple discussions on how to approach Building 500. It is one of those buildings that need a deep remodel: the electrical system and the HVAC system both need to be completely replaced. This is still an ongoing discussion to get funding for this building that Yuba will continue to have.

8.5. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Pan reported that he has been working with both college presidents to gain more media coverage to get more exposure for the colleges. Chancelor Pan also reported that President Dotson was appointed to a National Commission on Rural Small Community College and will represent the voices for not only Yuba Community College District but also the rural small colleges across the nation. President Navarette is also sponsoring a statewide conference on undocumented students.

Chancellor Pan reported some leadership changes: Yuba College has hired a Dean of Student Development and Director of Nursing Program. For WCC will be recommending a Vice President of Instruction. And is working on onboarding the new Dean for the Lake and Colusa Center. The District has hired a Director of Safety and Risk Management, and the temporary YCCD Associate Vice Chancelor of Human Resources will be Devin Crosby, who is the IT Director. Negotiations with the classified group CSEA will also be kicking off soon. The Yuba Community College District Board also has five Trustee positions up for elections in November 2024.

8.6. Foundation Directors Report

Director Lowden reported that the Foundation will be present at both Yuba and WCC Convocation and will be handing out a Newsletter. The Foundation wants to emphasis the importance of employee giving through payroll and the need for volunteer scholarship readers.

The Matthew Clark Memorial Fund was established after the passing of WCC professor, Dr. Matt Clark. The Foundation has received many donations, and the fund will hopefully get to the point of being fully endowed, which will then be used to help students in the mathematics area.

Director Lowden informed there will be a Study Session with the YCCD Board of Trustees on September 12, 2024, this meeting will be about how the YCCD Board of Trustees and the YCCD Foundation Board can work together to advance the image of the Yuba Community College District, Foundation and the colleges.

Director Lowden gave an update on the Yuba College Capital Campaign. The Foundation has gone through and identified some major donation prospects, and a meeting will be held with these potential donors starting August 6, 2024, and will continue for the next month.

8.7. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Foundation Board

8.7.1. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 3:00 PM at the Sutter Campus

9. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.