

**Orange Coast College Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2016
Sailing Center**

Attendees: Kevin Ballinger, Barbara Bullard, MaryLynn Bergman-Rallis, Dave Cline, Peggy Fort, Blade Gillissen, Dennis Harkins, Marc Harper, Rush Hill, Shana Jenkins, Rich Pagel, Derek Sabori, Devin Smith, Bill Wood, Doug Bennett, René Kinn and Liz Parker

Guests: Dave Grant, Brad Avery, Karen Baker, Cam Brown, Steven Nguyen, Brittany Rodriguez

Public Comments: none present

A. Welcome, Introductions & Introductions:

Peggy welcomed the group.

Approval of Minutes as emailed

Unanimously approved as emailed.

B. Marine Programs Update:

1. Brad Avery shared that at the March 16th CCCD Board Meeting, the purchase of the OCSD Property was approved. Last night the OCSD Board approved it as well. The 60-day escrow will start next week. CCCD District has hired HPI as the architect. Quite a bit of the preliminary work like the environmental impact report and some of the beginning engineering has already been done. The discussion regarding this project started about 16 years ago and we have been talking to the Sanitation District for 10 to 11 years so it is very exciting to see the project finally coming to fruition. Brad thanked the Foundation Board as well as the District for always being supportive and providing all the needed resources to facilitate this project. The addition of the parking is going to really make a tremendous difference to this facility. The plans to redo the dock has been approved by the Coastal Commission and there were a few changes requested by the city but is on track. We are looking at a late November start date. We will be working around Crew, Sailing and Professional Mariner classes.
2. *Chubasco* is on the market.
3. *Tristan* is on the market for \$1.9 million and was recently shown at a boat show in Ft. Lauderdale.
4. Professional Mariners program received AS Degree status last week. We just received another Pflieger Grant to pay 1/3 of the salary of a full-time captain. We have received donations from Sally Pascoe, totaling \$200,000, to help purchase an off-shore sailing vessel. She gave large donation last year as well. Sally's late husband, Bill Pascoe was one of the first donor's to our Sailing Program, he gave us "Sally" and "Saudade".

C. OCC Men's Crew Program Overview: Doug introduced Cam Brown, OCC Men's Crew Coach. Cam stated that first season has started great and he thanked everyone for their support. Cam referred to the handout and shared that he has created a mission statement for the program which is closely related to that of the athletic department. As stated in the handout, there are 47 students enrolled in the Men's Crew program, most of whom are novices. They are showing great enthusiasm which, hopefully, will translate to a strong varsity squad for 2017. Newport Regatta was very successful, all of the novice boats won their events, varsity lost to UCSB in the last seconds. It was not a bad showing at this point in the season. The goal for the season is for all boats to qualify for the National Championships at the end of May. The team has had great success with fundraising so far this year. Fundraising is crucial for this program to continue its ongoing success. We were able to purchase two 4-man rowing shells. Cam is enforcing the goal of OCC for students to transfer to 4-year universities. He has met with professors to discuss ways to encourage student-athlete success. He has a plan to implement an orientation of the

Student Success Center for all Crew student athletes at the beginning of the fall semester. Barbara Bullard stated that she has taught quite a few student athletes and stated that they are always willing to work. Dave Grant stated that we are thrilled to have Cam here. He thanked Dennis for advocating and championing the hiring of a full-time tenure men's crew coach.

- D. Marine Science Baja Whale Watching Excursion:** Doug reminded the board about Karen Baker's visit last year and our agreement to help fund this year's student trip and give two scholarships for students to attend. Steven Nguyen and Andrea Rangno, part of our College Advancement Team went on the trip and have created a video which was shown at the meeting and is available at <https://youtu.be/Oxdxbu9TQyA>

Karen Baker shared that it was a year ago that she came to show us pictures of the faculty trip and ask for support. She thanked the board for the support and making this trip happen. Brittany Rodriguez, was one of the scholarship recipients and she shared her experience and thanked the board. The trip was in conjunction with a 4 week class that met before the trip. Karen stated that they would like to add a day to the trip next year. OCC took 36 people, we filled the bus, and no one that signed up dropped out.

E. Planetarium Update:

1. Dave Grant stated that demolition of the old buildings will start in the next couple of weeks. It's hard to believe that it's finally happening. We still have a huge amount of work ahead, we need figure out what is going to be needed to run the programs and make it all work. This is going to be an iconic building and will bring the community onto campus.
2. Groundbreaking/Construction on Planetarium – Rich stated that fencing will go up next week and the buildings will be coming down soon. We will be doing a time-lapse video of the demo and construction. Doug stated that we will be having an official groundbreaking in June. We are planning a luncheon to have on the Lewis patio soon. Doug talked about construction manager. Dave was asking for suggestions to do something different for a groundbreaking. Rush stated that we need a Planetarium manager hired a year to year and a half before the building is ready to allow time to plan and program.

- F. Investment Report:** Marc Harper referred to the handout and stated that Northern Trust notified us that the Market Value of the Foundation accounts are back up as of March 22, 2016 after being down the last couple of months with the volatility of the market. He reminded everyone that we have to continue to have the mindset that these are long-term investments. The Finance Committee had made some small changes to the strategic allocations.

- G. College Update:** Dennis referred to the path to transfer handout that was put together by the college's research department. It provided information on where OCC graduates go both in-state and nationally for both undergraduate and graduate work. Been in hiring committees, hired 3 new faculty today. Kevin stated that we are hiring 26 full-time faculty including counselors from categorical funds. Dennis spoke about the Athletic sanctions, we have written a powerful appeal with the help of district counsel. 22 teams in the conference and they are sanctioning all the teams instead of only the teams that had violation. The process has been unfair. Haas Technology conference on campus. Carol Guzy, has won two Pulitzer prizes, invited to campus next month. Speech team won state and national championships, first to win both state and national championships. Working with colleges from Mexico to bring students here. Barbara asked about the enrollment numbers, Kevin said we will have no problem coming out of stabilization and reaching our numbers. Kevin stated that we have a great marketing team that has been doing a great job. Doug spoke about some of the marketing. Dave stated that the faculty are critical to the enrollment numbers. #3 in the state for retaining our students which is a big help to reaching those numbers. Peggy asked about obtaining email addresses of graduates, Shana stated that we collect it at the rehearsal but it's only about 20% of the graduates. Doug talked about the CTE programs and upcoming events. Also said we have an annual report coming out in the next couple of weeks. Rush stated that he believes all institutions wrestle with engaging the alumni. Rush stated that USC has the graduates write their email on the back of the name card given to the reader at commencement.

- H. Associated Students Report:** Devin shared that the students are looking forward to spring break. Looking forward to the new student union, congratulated Madjid as the new Vice President of Student Services. Fiscal affairs council working on 2016/17 allocations. They have 1.65 million to give. District student council is working at Bolsa Chica wetlands. State senate visit met, assembly member Matt Harper, OCC graduate. Great to be able to talk to the various legislators. Congress to Campus event after spring break.
- I. Foundation Update:** Doug shared that Honors Night is Wednesday, May 11, boat auction is Saturday May 14th. Coming up, Foundation Master Agreement last renewed in 2011, to be renewed every 5 years. We own about 200 boats

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Future Meetings

Thursday, May 26, 2016, 6 p.m., Location, TBA
Thursday, July (TBA)
Thursday, September 22, 6 p.m. Location, TBA
Thursday, November 17, 6 p.m., Location TBA