

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 22, 2017

College of Liberal & Creative Arts, HUM 587

San Francisco State University

IN ATTENDANCE

W. Adams Director/Student Rep
K. Brandon Director
L. Bridges Director
W. Brown Director
D. Corvin Director
D. Endo Director
N. Fudem Director
J. Gumas Immediate Past Chair
M. Huss Director
M. Kim Incoming Director
P. King Director
J. Marcus Director
D. Nasser Director
R. Nava President/VP, Univ.
Advancement, SF State
N. Nobari Director
W. Rose Director
M. Rosenbaum Director
T. Safford Vice-Chair
D. Serrano Sewell Chair

D. L. Simon Director
R. Stanley Director
B. Stranathan Director
J. Summit Director/Provost, SF State
V. Thompson-Ramsay Secretary & Treasurer
L. Wong Director/President, SF
State

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

V. Anicetti Director
G. Cosko Director
V. Dolcini Director
T. Griggs Director
H. Myers Director
D. O'Donnell Director
A. Sherman Director/CFO &VP,
Admin &Fin., SF State
D. Simmons Director
J. Simmons Director
C. Smith Director

OTHERS PRESENT

T. Anderson Executive Director of Development & Operations
L. Claudio Executive Assistant to the President, SF State University
G. Enriquez IT Assistant, University Advancement, SF State University
A. Harris Dean, College of Liberal & Creative Arts, SF State University
A. Harris Executive Director of Regional Advancement, SF State University
C. Hepp Senior Director of Development, Liberal & Creative Arts
L. Hong Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, SF State University
C. Johansson Director of Advancement Services, SF State University
L. Kamer Principal, Kamer Consulting Group
M. Kelleher Associate Vice President for University Development, SF State University
N. Lange Interim Executive Director of Alumni & Constituent Relations, SF State University
C. Nava Guest
D. Ojeda University Counsel, SF State University
A. Sanders Chief of Staff, Office of the President, SF State University
N. Shinzato Associate Director, Government and Community Relations, SF State University
E. Smith Associate Vice President, Marketing and Strategic Communications
J. Sobol Interim Executive Assistant to the VP of University Advancement, SF State University

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Serrano Sewell called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chair Serrano Sewell also presented incoming director, Man J. Kim with his name plate and welcomed him to the board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Serrano Sewell asked that the agenda be approved. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

MINUTE ACTION: that the board approves the agenda for the June 22, 2017 board meeting.
Motioned by: Willie L. Brown Seconded by: Kimberly Brandon Motion: Passed

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board reviewed the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the March 4, 2017 Board Meeting and Advance and the proposed board meeting schedule for FY 2017-2018. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

MINUTE ACTION: that the board approves the consent agenda.
Motioned by: John Gumas Seconded by: Kimberly Brandon Motion: Passed

PURPLE & GOLD NUGGETS

Vice Chair Taylor Safford presented an update on the most recent accomplishments by the University community. He mentioned that two great alumni – singer Johnny Mathis and writer/producer Peter Casey - were honored at this year’s Commencement. He also shared some good news that San Francisco State (SF State) was one of 24 colleges and universities, selected from more than 500 applicant institutions, to receive a five-year, \$1 million grant designed to encourage diversity in science as a part of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Inclusive Excellence initiative.

Safford mentioned that SF State was embarking on a community-based master planning effort, with a primary focus on student housing. He said the University held several events on campus to gather community input for the plan that would carry us through the next 15 years. Safford also reported that SF State received approval from the CSU Board of Trustees for a new construction at 19th Street and Holloway (Holloway Project). He said that the public-private partnership would provide 500 student beds and 30,000 square feet for retail and student services. In addition, Safford mentioned that SF State had earned a STARS Silver Rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

Safford also mentioned that ten SF State alumni were part of the Bay Area News Group team awarded Pulitzers for reporting on the “Ghost Ship” fire and the loss of one of our students, Michela Gregory, and two alumnae, Donna Kellogg and Jennifer Mendiola.

With regards to Sports, Safford reported that the SF State men's basketball team won a spot in the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Tournament for the first time in 23 years. He said the women’s track and field team took second place at the CCAA Championships with a team score of 153 points, both school records.

Finally, Safford mentioned that Provost Summit was honored the prior week by the San Francisco Business Times as one of the Bay Area’s Most Influential Women.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY REPORT

SF State President Les Wong reported that the University had been given the green light to construct the Creative Arts Building. He said the Holloway Project would also begin soon. He said the eight-floor, mixed-use development should be completed in 2020. President Wong also informed directors that the Mashouf Wellness Center was slated to open on schedule. He said the “soft opening” would take place around the end of August.

President Wong then informed directors that a lawsuit was filed against members of the University community, alleging anti-Semitism on campus. Upon the advice of director Willie Brown, Jr., University Counsel, Dan Ojeda read a statement from President Wong regarding the University’s commitment to diversity and freedom of speech for all students. President Wong said he and his team were forming a 40-member taskforce on Campus Climate and he had been interviewing people in the community to gauge their interest in serving on the taskforce. He asked board members not to lose sight of all the great things

happening on campus such as our award-winning programs, increased fundraising and transformative scholarships for students. He said he had the support of the Chancellor's Office, along with the other 22 campuses within the System.

Foundation President Robert Nava reminded directors that the Foundation was a separate entity from the University. He said the Foundation was not a defendant in the lawsuit and he could schedule a meeting for the directors to meet with Foundation and University attorneys to answer any questions they might have.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Foundation President Robert Nava informed the Board that the Office of University Advancement had hired a crisis management consultant to support the Communications Department. Nava introduced Larry Kamer to directors and mentioned that he would be engaged during the summer months.

Nava reminded directors to complete the annual conflict of interest form. He said that, like the previous year, he was hoping for a 100% completion. He told directors to provide the completed/signed form to staff at the end of the meeting.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Chair Serrano Sewell reminded directors that the written committee reports were enclosed in their packets.

DIRECTORS' OPEN FORUM

Chair Serrano Sewell led the Directors' Open Forum. He welcomed guest speaker Andrew Harris, dean of the College of Liberal & Creative Arts. Dean Harris highlighted five key Centers/Institutes within the College: Cinema, in particular, the Animation Laboratory; Dance; the internationally-renown Alexander String Quartet, currently in residence at SF State University; the Poetry Center, with a reading series that date back to the 1950s and the Global Museum, one of the top museum studies program in the country. Dean Harris also briefly discussed the new Liberal & Creative Arts Building (also referred to as the Creative Arts Building), that was approved for construction by the CSU Board of Trustees.

Towards the end of the Directors' Open Forum, Foundation President Robert Nava was honored for his contributions to the Foundation and the University. Specifically, directors wanted to thank him for leading the efforts that moved the University up from group 2 to group 3, joining an exclusive group of top producing campuses such as San Diego State, Cal Poly-SLO, Long Beach, Fresno State and San Jose State.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Serrano Sewell asked board members to complete the annual conflict of interest form in their packets and give to staff before leaving. He then reminded board members that the first board meeting for FY 2017-2018 was scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2017 at AT&T Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and with John Gumas making the motion and Kimberly Brandon seconding, Chair Serrano Sewell adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.

Dated: June 22, 2017

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Venesia Thompson-Ramsay, Secretary