

**SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**  
 Romberg Tiburon Center  
 3150 Paradise Drive, Tiburon, CA 94920  
 Thursday, September 18, 2014

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

K. Brandon	Director	T. Safford	Director
L. Bridges	Director	D. Serrano-Sewell	Director
R. Cortez	Director/VP, Admin & Finance, SF State	D. Simmons	Director
D. Corvin	Director	C. Smith	Director
G. Cosko	Director	R. Stanley	Director
T. Driscoll	Director	V. Thompson	Secretary & Treasurer
N. Fudem	Director	W. Weinstein	Director
T. Griggs	Director	L. Wong	Director/President, SF State
J. Gumas	Chair	<b><u>ABSENT AND EXCUSED</u></b>	
J. Marcus	Director	V. Anicetti	Director
H. Myers	Vice-Chair	V. Dolcini	Director
D. Nasser	Director	D.M. Guerrero	Director/Student
R. Nava	Foundation President/VP, University Advancement, SF State	M. Huss	Director
W. Rose	Director	P. King	Director
M. Rosenbaum	Director	R. Manaois	Director/Staff Rep.
S. Rosser	Director/Provost, SF State	D. O'Donnell	Director
		L. Pitman	Director
		J. Simmons	Director
		D. Simon	Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

A. Alvarez	Dean, College of Health and Social Sciences
S. Axler	Dean, College of Science & Engineering
M. Aytenfsu	Special Events Assistant
D. Bernardi	Dean, College of Liberal & Creative Arts
I. Bomar	Assistant to the Vice President, University Advancement
E. Catalano	Associate Director, College of Science & Engineering
L. Claudio	Executive Assistant to SF State University President
L. Cortez	Spouse of Ron Cortez, CFO & Vice President, Administration & Finance
C. Gordon	Senior Director of Development, College of Science & Engineering
Janice Gumas	Spouse of John Gumas, Chair of the Board of Directors
C. Guthrie	Director of Athletics
A. Harris	Associate Vice President, University Development
E. Lansdown	Administrative Assistant
C. Nava	Spouse of Robert Nava, Foundation President/Vice President, University Advancement
K. Nielsen	Director of the Romberg Tiburon Center
T. Ono	Director of Special Events, University Advancement
B. Rojo	Administrative Assistant
L. Sunshine	Director, Government and Community Relations, University Advancement
E. Ueber	Chair, Romberg Tiburon Center Advisory Board

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chair John Gumas called the meeting to order at 3:14 pm. John welcomed everyone to the meeting. He mentioned that the board meeting had been shortened to allow time for the President's welcome dinner for incoming director of the Romberg Tiburon Center (RTC), Karina Nielsen.

Gumas welcomed newly-elected board members Taylor Safford, Dottie Simmons and Miguel Guerrero to their first board meeting. He also shared some exciting news about board members, David Serrano-Sewell and Val Dolcini. David was appointed the Regional Vice President of Hospital Council of Northern & Central California. Val was appointed by President Obama and the Secretary of Agriculture as the new Administrator for the Farm Service Agency. John mentioned that although Val was relocating to Washington, DC, he would remain on the board.

Gumas and Foundation President Robert Nava also acknowledged other special guests, including Ed Ueber, chair of the RTC Advisory Board; Karina Nielsen, incoming director of RTC; Charles Guthrie, new Athletics Director; and Christian Gordon, new Senior Director of Development for the College of Science & Engineering.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Gumas 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 September 18, 2014 board meeting.

Motioned by: Dana Corvin

Seconded by: Judy Marcus

Motion: Passed

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The board reviewed the consent agenda, which included the June 19, 2014 board meeting minutes. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

MINUTE ACTION: that the board approves the consent agenda and the June 19, 2014 board meeting minutes.

Motioned by: Taylor Safford

Seconded by: Will Weinstein

Motion: Passed

#### **SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY REPORT**

SF State President, Les Wong mentioned that the academic year was off to a great start. He announced that SF State University signed a memorandum of understanding with Centro De Enseñanza Tecnica Y Superior (CETYS) of Baja California, Mexico, to establish cooperation between the two entities. President Wong stated that the historic agreement was the first such partnership with an institution in Mexico. He further stated that the partnership with CETYS, the only US-accredited University in Mexico, presented new opportunities to build a foundation for strengthening our bilateral academic and research initiatives and also reflected the rich historical and cultural relationships shared by the state of California and the state of Baja California.

President Wong also talked about the annual trip to Asia that he, Robert Nava, Doug Hupke and Dean Linda Oubre would be participating in from September 20 -27, 2014. He mentioned that they had plans to visit Penglai City, China, including Quancheng College of Jinan University and Seoul, South Korea where they would visit the University of Seoul, Chung Ang University and the first Vice Mayor of Seoul, Mr. Hyo Sung Jung.

Finally, President Wong shared SF State University's plans to lease more than 60,000 square feet of space in Bayview Hunters Point where Lennar Urban was planning an innovation district. He mentioned that SF State was committed to the partnership that would also involve the San Francisco City College. President Wong said that some of the University's curriculum such as information technology, digital arts and hospitality management were being considered for the site and that future companies had already pledged to provide internships for students by their junior year.

**FOUNDATION PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Foundation President, Robert Nava introduced Dean Sheldon Axler to talk briefly about the Romberg Tiburon Center. Dean Axler mentioned that The Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies is SF State’s marine and estuarine research facility, the only research center of its kind on the Bay. Dean Axler mentioned that the facility was located on 36 acres of land and was the site of cutting-edge research.

Nava provided an update on the planning for the upcoming comprehensive campaign. He mentioned that staff was currently drafting the Case for Support and thanked directors who had provided feedback to help shape the document. Board member Will Weinstein said he felt the campaign goal should be much higher than \$150 million. Nava reminded him that the \$150 million goal came out of the campaign feasibility study and that it was only a working goal. Nava said it was prudent to set a realistic goal and surpass it than to start too high as failure was not an option.

In addition, Nava informed the board that earlier that week on September 16<sup>th</sup>, SF State hosted Assembly Member Kevin Mullin’s Select Committee Hearing on Biotech. The hearing included three panels that focused on industry, education and civic government. The Education panel included Carmen Domingo, a professor in Biology at SF State and the Industry panel included BayBio, Bayer and QB3.

Finally, President Nava talked about the campus visit earlier that day by members of the California Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) and Department of Finance (DoF) as well as representatives from the Chancellor’s Office. Nava mentioned that the meeting was positive with lots of good questions and responses. He mentioned that the following four issues were discussed: 1) Enrollment Management and E-Advising; 2) Infrastructure and Deferred Maintenance; 3) Extended Education; and 4) Online education.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair John Gumas mentioned that the executive committee had one action item it was bringing before the board, which Foundation President Nava would discuss. Nava mentioned that the Foundation currently had over \$1.2 million in unrestricted funds that have not yet been designated for use. He mentioned that Board approval was required for any designation of the funds since the donors did not specify a purpose or use for the funds. He then directed board members to a letter from President Wong outlining his recommendation for use of the funds. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

MINUTE ACTION: that the board approves the recommended designation of unrestricted gifts to San Francisco State University.

Motioned by: Herb Myers

Seconded by: Will Weinstein

Motion: Passed

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

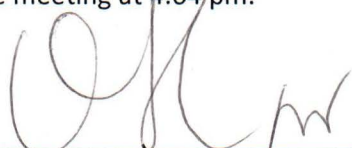
Chairman Gumas reminded the board that written committee reports were enclosed in their packets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Gumas adjourned the meeting at 4:04 pm.

Dated: September 18, 2014

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Venesia Thompson, Secretary