

**San Francisco State University Foundation
Committee on Directors Meeting**

**May 17, 2019
Minutes**

Members Present: Mary Huss (Chair), Taylor Safford, David Simon, Venesia Thompson-Ramsay

Staff: Tina Frank

Members Absent: Wade Rose

I. Call to Order

Chair Huss called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes

The committee reviewed the minutes from the October 19, 2018 meeting. On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following Minute Action was taken:

MINUTE ACTION: that the committee approves the minutes for the October 19, 2018 meeting, as prepared.

Motioned by: David Simon Seconded by: Taylor Safford Motion: Passed

III. Director re-election updates

M. Huss (for Tina Frank) drew the committee members' attention to those members who have been asked to stand for re-election to the Board:

- i. Leona Bridges (ending 4th term)
- ii. Willie L. Brown, Jr. (ending 1st term)
- iii. Dana Corvin (ending 4th term)
- iv. Don Endo (ending 2nd term)
- v. David L. Simon (ending 2nd term)
- vi. Russ Stanley (ending 2nd term)

MINUTE ACTION: M. Huss acknowledged and motioned that no new Board members be taken on during the current period of presidential transition.

Motioned by: David Simon Seconded by: Taylor Safford Motion: Passed

T. Safford asked about term limits as prescribed in the by-laws to which V. Thompson-Ramsay answered that there is a two consecutive term limit with an option to extend upon approval of the board via a vote.

IV. Committee on Directors membership update

T. Frank shared that Kim Brandon and David Serrano Sewell have agreed to serve on the Committee on Directors.

MINUTE ACTION: M. Huss motioned that they be recommended, before the entire Board, to serve on the Committee on Directors.

Motioned by: David Simon Seconded by: Taylor Safford Motion: Passed

V. Student Rep update

T. Frank reported that Mia Veal has been selected to serve as the Foundation Board Student representative. All agreed that her resume is impressive. V. Thompson-Ramsay informed the Board that M. Veal could conceivably attend the June meeting, but that since it takes place during the summer, M. Veal may not be available to attend.

VI. Term limits and succession plan discussion (on-going)

T. Safford offered that the Committee on Directors should play an active role (provide some guidance, recommendations, legwork, etc.) with regards to term limits, and importantly, strategic plan consultants. T. Safford further noted that it's incumbent upon the Committee of Directors and the Board as a whole to determine where the Board is and where the members want it to go.

D. Simon added that careful attention should be paid to replacing out-going directors with equally engaged and deeply dedicated individuals. He observed that most directors could serve a two-term tenure, become involved in specific projects and then have their tenures extended based on the projects in which they are engaged. V. Thompson-Ramsay offered that there's an option to retain long-time and impactful directors by making them emeriti members. T. Safford remarked that as a young board, there are not, at this juncture, a lot of potential director replacements. He continued that the Board is young and has been relatively low-profile and so for the moment, we should retain members for longer tenures. He continued that the Board's visibility is, however, increasing (due in large part to the campaign); the time is right to increase its diversity and its discipline with regards to term limits. All agreed that maintaining a manageable complement, i.e., 30 – 33 members, is ideal.

T. Frank noted that individuals with areas of expertise and interest should be considered and should be aligned with major projects on campus, i.e., a new Science Building. M. Huss added that a strategic view of the Board should be taken to best support initiatives and activities.

D. Simon offered that directors should have an option to explore alternative committee experiences and that committee assignment term limits could be instituted. All agreed that this proposal is sound and D. Simon thought that the Board Advance would be a good forum to enact it. T Safford requested hard numbers on committee attendance and V. Thompson-Ramsay agreed to provide that data as well as a draft communication regarding committee assignments for T. Safford to send to all Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mary Huss
Chair

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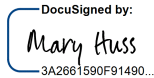
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