

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 13, 2017

City Club of San Francisco

155 Sansome Street, 10th Floor, San Francisco, CA

Pursuant to Article VI, section 3 of the Bylaws, this Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco State University Foundation was called by Chair David Serrano Sewell.

IN ATTENDANCE

W. Adams	Director/Student Rep	D. L. Simon	Director
K. Brandon	Director (via phone)	C. Smith	Director
L. Bridges	Director	B. Stranathan	Director (via phone)
D. Corvin	Director	V. Thompson-Ramsay	Secretary & Treasurer
G. Cosko	Director		
D. Endo	Director		
N. Fudem	Director		
J. Gumas	Immediate Past Chair		
M. Huss	Director		
M. Kim	Director		
H. Myers	Director (via phone)		
N. Nobari	Director (via phone)		
W. Rose	Director		
M. Rosenbaum	Director		
D. Serrano Sewell	Chair		
D. Simmons	Director (via phone)		

ABSENT AND EXCUSED

V. Anicetti	Director
W. Brown	Director
V. Dolcini	Director
T. Griggs	Director
P. King	Director
J. Marcus	Director
D. Nasser	Director
D. O'Donnell	Director
T. Safford	Vice-Chair
R. Stanley	Director

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Harrison	Foundation Legal Counsel, Remcho Johansen & Purcell
L. Kamer	Principal, Kamer Consulting Group
J. Lopez	Foundation Legal Counsel, Adler & Colvin
E. Smith	Associate Vice President, Marketing and Strategic Communications, SF State University

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Serrano Sewell called the meeting to order at 11:36 am and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked directors for taking the time to meet on such short notice then proceeded to lay out how the meeting would proceed.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chair Serrano Sewell reviewed the agenda. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss community relations issues, especially as they relate to the June 19th lawsuit filed against members of the University community. The agenda also allowed time for closed session discussions.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS ISSUES REVIEW

Directors asked to be walked through the timeline of events with respect to the current campus climate. Elizabeth Smith led the discussion. The chronology of events dated back to March 28, 2016 when the University was first notified that the Mayor of Jerusalem Nir Barkat was invited to speak on campus, through May 2017 with the publication of a series of articles in the J Weekly.

The discussion highlighted a range of concerns directors had. Directors felt the campus needed to expedite a resolution as the issues begun eighteen months ago. They expressed their frustration with not only the slow pace in resolving the issues but the ambiguity around the University's values and principles.

Directors encouraged the University to reassure the world that we were a safe campus where anti-Semitism would not be tolerated in any shape or form. Directors said they wanted the University's actions to be meaningful and not symbolic. They strongly encouraged an independent task force with "teeth". One that could help to position the University as a leader and convener on the issue of anti-Semitism. Finally, directors wanted to see the relationship between the University and the Jewish Community strengthened and encouraged campus leadership to tap into available resources such as friends and leaders of the Jewish and Interfaith communities.

CLOSED SESSION

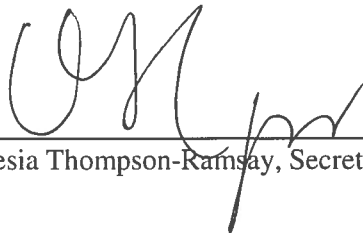
Directors moved into closed session at 1 pm. Staff was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco State University Foundation adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Dated: July 13, 2017

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Venesia Thompson-Ramsay, Secretary