

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 24, 2015 ♦ 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: BUILDING 210, ROOM 214

Present: Ben Green, Holly Hidinger, Ricardo Macedo, Melinda Nish, Melyn Acasio, Joe Martinez, Jean Roesch, Hank Murphy, Sofia Corona, and Chayo Moreno

Absent: Kimberly Grady, Linda Gilstrap, Halé Richardson, David Hoffman, Patti Finnegan, Nora Vargas, Cynthia Reyna, Lorena Victoria, Jesse Navarro, Ruben Garcia, and Mitch Thompson

Recorder: Dawn Perez

1. WELCOME/ CALL TO ORDER – Ricardo A. Macedo  
The meeting was called to order at 7:36 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – **ACTION** (Enclosure) – Ricardo A. Macedo
  - A. September 22, 2015
  - B. October 27, 2015Motion made by Joe Martinez, seconded by Jean Roesch and unanimously approved to accept the minutes for September 22, 2015 and October 27, 2015.
3. GOVERNING BOARD REPORT – Melinda Nish for Nora Vargas, SWC Governing Board Trustee  
Dr. Nish reported for Nora Vargas as follows:
  - The budget looks relatively good. The District expects to receive some additional one-time monies as well as some on-going funds to hire a minimum of 23 new faculty hires.
  - Typically December is the Governing Board's organizational meeting where they select officers and committee assignments. It is expected that Nora Vargas will serve as president for the next year.
4. SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT REPORT – Melinda Nish, Ed.D.  
Dr. Nish reported as follows:
  - A good pool of applicants for the Executive Director of the Foundation has been received. First level interviews will be held December 4<sup>th</sup> with second level interviews being held on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Nish thanked Jean Roesch and Mitch Thompson for agreeing to serve on the first level interview committee and Ricardo Macedo for agreeing to serve on the second level interview committee.
  - A lot of hiring is taking place in great part due to the separation incentive that has been offered to employees meeting the criteria. Currently, more than 52 employees have indicated their intent to retire or separate. A celebration will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Enrollment is steady but we are hoping for growth. This is the first year of the 16-week semester calendar. We will be offering an intercession in January.
  - The District is moving into full swing of phase two Proposition R projects.
  - CA Community College Chancellor has announced that he will be leaving and there is a search in progress for his successor.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Ricardo A. Macedo

A. Fundraising Committee

- Afternoon Luncheon – Ricardo A. Macedo/Melyn Acasio

Melyn presented a report of the Afternoon Luncheon results.

Discussion took place about a golf tournament in the spring. Directors believe that we should consider holding the tournament on a Friday morning, if available, instead of Wednesday.

- Follow-up on Needs Based Scholarship – Ricardo A. Macedo

Criteria, guidelines, and funding amount need to be determined. Discussion took place as to how we might incorporate Basic Skills student needs as well. Dr. Nish reported that we need to get the word out to students through faculty as to what scholarship opportunities are available to them. Dr. Nish also reported that once criteria and guidelines are created the College can administer this fund. She further reported that she will work with staff and a recommendation will be brought back to the board for consideration at the December meeting.

6. TREASURERS REPORT – (Enclosure) – Cynthia Reyna

A. The Financial Report for October 2015 was presented by Ricardo A. Macedo.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Ricardo A. Macedo

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a.m.