



Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, March 12, 2021 9:03 a.m. – 10:46 a.m.
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Members Absent</u>
Bettye J. Saxon, Ed.D., Chair	Barbara Zappas, CEO	Senator Anna M. Caballero, Director
Eduardo M. Ochoa, President	Ted Balestreri, II, Director	Betsey Pearson, Director
Debbie Juran, Secretary	Steven Packer, M.D., Director	Mac Clemmens, Director
Greg Gonzalez, Director	Ralph Thompson III, Director	
Gordon E. Eubanks, Director	Michael McMillan, Director	
Miles Reiter, Director	David Ledesma, Director	
Bud Colligan, Director	Kevin R. Saunders, Director	
Carrie McIntyre Panetta, Director		
<u>Presenter(s)</u>		<u>Auxiliary Staff Present</u>
Lawrence Samuels, Chief of Staff		Starr Lee, Associate Executive Director
Katherine Kantardjieff, Provost and VP for Academic Affairs and Interim VP for Student Affairs		Nancy S. Ayala, Gov. & Compliance Mngr.
Natalie King, AVP of University Personnel		
Bud Colligan, Auxiliary Investment Committee Member		
Andrew Lawson, Dean of College of Science		

Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order:** A quorum being established, Chair Bettye J. Saxon called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Director Ralph Thompson and seconded to approve the December 11, 2020 minutes as presented. With Director Steven Packer, M.D. abstaining, the motion carried.
- III. Business:** None
- IV. Reports:**
 - A. President’s Report: President Eduardo M. Ochoa reported on University activities. President Ochoa reported that the Governor and legislature have reached an agreement to fully restore the \$299M cuts that were made to the CSU budget last year for the current year. As of July 1, the CSU will receive the \$299M in addition to the \$144M which was already in the governor’s budget for 2021. These funds will be used to continue making progress on the graduation initiative, focusing on equity gaps, in particular, improvements and renovations, and maintenance.

Directors Miles Reiter and Ted Balestreri arrived at 9:11 a.m.

The University also expects to receive approximately \$25M in federal funding. President Ochoa introduced Chief of Staff Larry Samuels, who presented an update on the Strategic Plan.

Director Gordon Eubanks arrived at 9:23 a.m.

 - Provost and Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Katherine Kantardjieff provided an update on Commencement. The University plans to have a drive-thru parade of graduates for Commencement, which will occur on May 22. The graduates

from academic years 19/20 and 20/21 are invited to participate. Many of the students are out of the region while they're living elsewhere; however, 348 RSVPs have been received thus far, which is pretty remarkable this far ahead of May. This parade is not intended to replace a live ceremony that will take place once the county health department deems it safe to do so. These classes will be invited back to participate with the current class.

- Provost Kantardjief also reported on the three searches for deans currently underway. Two deans transitioned into Provosts on other campuses, and the third retired. Dr. Juanita Cole will join CSUMB as the dean for the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences. The search for the College of Education is in its finalist's stage. Finally, the College of Health Science and Human Services has just begun.
- CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding provided relief funding to approximately 5,900 students.
- CSUMB Repopulation: President Ochoa reported that since vaccines will be available to all by the end May, the idea of having an in-person campus is a reality for this coming fall semester. Provost Kantardjief and Associate Vice President for University Personnel Natalie King provided an update on the repopulation plan which will not occur earlier than August 1, 2021.

B. CEO Update: CEO Barbara Zappas reflected on the challenges University Advancement faced during this past year due to the pandemic. This fiscal year fundraising efforts are on track to hit the annual goal of just under \$7M. The University exceeded its first-ever comprehensive campaign goal with just over \$100M. CEO Zappas noted that there's a significant update to share. As previously reported, Joel and Dena Gambord's initial gift was designated to the College of Business and to Health Sciences. In addition to their planned gift, they also provide annual support funds. The Gambord's moved their focus exclusively to health sciences. In addition to use funds provided to the university, they established a scholarship fund for nursing students at the Community Foundation of Monterey County, where they have had a long-term relationship. Over the course of the last year, we have revisited their planned gift and have agreed in consultation with the Chancellor's Office legal counsel that the legacy gift, at the donor's request, will now be directed to the Community Foundation of Monterey County with the understanding that the beneficiaries will continue to be the CSUMB nursing and health science students. In addition, since the gift has been redirected, we have removed their name from the business and information technology building. We continue to have an excellent relationship with Joel and Dena. They continue to support our nursing students, most recently, with annual scholarships over \$130M for 11 students, and most of those were full rides. We are hoping to have a date for our University Gala in the next few months.

C. Investment Committee Report: Investment Committee Member Bud Colligan provided an update on the Committee's activities. For the quarter ending December 31, 2020, the endowment portfolio had a 10.9% gain which over performed the policy index by 1.5%. Over a five-year period, the endowment has returned 8.8%, underperforming the policy index by point 5%. The Committee reviewed the asset allocation and discussed the portfolio's underperformance for the past 10 years. Most recently, the underperformance is related to a value bias in the asset allocation versus growth. The Committee requested a more accurate breakdown of the managers to get a real sense of the growth versus value tilt in the portfolio. Investment Consultant Verus did not make any recommendations to change the asset allocation.

D. Chair's Comments: Chair Saxon deferred her comments to the end of the meeting.

V. **Presentations:**

College of Science: Dean of the College of Science Andrew Lawson provided an update on the school's building needs and the Mechatronics Engineering program.

VI. **Open Communications/Announcements:** President Ochoa announced the retirement of Vice President of Administration and Finance Kevin Saunders and thanked him for all he did for the campus. Thank you, Kevin!

VII. **Closed Session:** The Board did not enter into closed session.

VIII. **Adjournment:** With no further business to conduct and no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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Debbie Juran, Secretary

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Date