

SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2024
ZOOM

Members Present:

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| Mrs. Cheryl Brown | Mr. Don Elwell | Dr. Darrell Jensen |
| Mr. Fred Hawkins | | |

Excused:

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| Dr. George Mousa | | |
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Others Present:

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| Mrs. Jamie Bateman | Mrs. Anastasia Fuchser | Miss Taylor Massey |
| Mr. Peter Elliott | Mrs. Teresa Vorous | Mr. Bob Swaine |

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 12:02 p.m., Dr. Jensen, President called to order the meeting of the South Florida State College Foundation. Dr. Jensen asked for a motion to accept the August 13, 2024 meeting agenda. Mr. Elwell made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Brown to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Jensen requested a motion to approve the April 9, 2024, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Elwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Brown to accept the meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Vorous reviewed the Investment Report through July 31, 2024. Mrs. Bateman reviewed the Gift Summary Report from April 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024. There were no questions or concerns. Ms. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elwell to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Hawkins welcomed back all of the college staff, faculty, and employees on Monday, August 12 at Convocation. Mr. Hawkins shared a brief overview of the new initiative offered to our college students known as the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI).

Mr. Hawkins shared that there has been reorganization in the college, and he announced Mrs. Asena Mott as the new Dean for Off-Campus Instructional Sites. Mrs. Emily DaBolt will be the point of contact for professional development training,

conferences, etc. Also, Mr. Hawkins announced the college will be transitioning to the State Healthcare program on January 1 and thanked the employees involved for their hard work.

V. FOUNDATION UPDATES

a. Mrs. Bateman reviewed the 2024 master calendar with the Board and shared the upcoming Foundation events for the rest of the year.

On July 30, the Finance Committee met with Bank of America to identify the reason for low returns. After further discussion, the Finance Committee voted to move forward with obtaining information on a new investment firm. Mrs. Bateman shared that Mrs. Vorous, the controller is looking into alternatives if available through the state. Mrs. Brown suggested the Foundation use the funds to purchase bonds.

b. The Foundation's Special Committee met on August 7 to discuss the Hotel Jacaranda and voted on four new members to join the Board. Mrs. Bateman announced the following new Board members; Mrs. Lisa Jarrett, Highlands County; Mr. Rick Bateman, Hardee County; Mr. Parker Hall, DeSoto County; and Ms. Julie Barber, Hardee County. She mentioned they will attend our next Foundation Board meeting on September 10.

Last Sunday, the student residents moved into the dorms at the Hotel Jacaranda. Due to heavy rain over the weekend, Mrs. Bateman shared that a few roof leaks caused water to seep through the light fixtures and into some of the dorm rooms on Sunday afternoon. She is working with the maintenance department to identify the issues and next steps. Meanwhile, Mrs. Bateman was notified of a few cracked windows on the dorm side but maintenance is assisting with those repairs.

The pool at the Hotel Jacaranda continues to leak and is currently shut down. Mrs. Bateman is working with the maintenance department to find an outside vendor to get an assessment of the repairs. So far, she has received one quote from a company for \$130,000 in repairs.

c. Mrs. Bateman shared that she is working with the architects to determine the next course of action for the dorms whether it is one building or individual homes within a secured perimeter.

d. The Feasibility Study will begin on August 15 through November 14. The interviews will include in-person and virtual calls with specified board members, community members, and donors. Mrs. Bateman informed the Board that Dini Spheris will reach out to a few members to begin the surveys and conversations on the Foundation, dorms, and the college.

VI. ALUMNI RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

a. Mrs. Fuchser reviewed the scholarship report with the Board. She mentioned that the number of Foundation scholarships awarded is down compared to last year.

The Foundation received a \$10,000 scholarship grant from the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation matching for a total of \$20,000 to award SFSC DeSoto County students.

b. Mrs. Fuchser shared a recap on the Gatsby's Getaway at the Jac event on June 13, 2024. The total income for the event was \$15,009.50 however, there were \$10,881.66 in expenses making the total overall profit \$4,127. It was a successful event and was enjoyed by those who attended. She hopes that will continue to roll over into our 2025 Gala and Legacy Showcase.

The next Alumni networking social event will be held at the Sebring Soda and Ice Cream Works on October 10 from 5-7 p.m. Next year, Mrs. Fuchser plans to host networking socials around departments and athletic games and events in the hopes of gaining more attendance.

As for Young Alumni, Mrs. Fuchser has scheduled to meet with students in Hardee and DeSoto on September 19 for Welcome Back and on October 17 then students on the Highlands campus on October 10, November 5, and December 10.

Mrs. Fuchser announced the new Alumni Advisory Council as follows; Kelly Dressel, Lena Phelps, Heather Smith, Eric Bautisa, Christina Martin, Candra Polk, and Joseph von Merveldt.

Mrs. Fuchser has launched the new PAWSitive Alumni Program that pairs a mentee, a current student with a mentor, a graduate of SFSC. As of today, she has 10 mentors and 1 mentee who have signed up so far.

Each month, 56 employees donate a total amount of \$760 to the Foundation through Payroll Deductions. Mrs. Fuchser thanked those employees who contributed last year and challenged the rest of the employees to double that amount. Also, Mrs. Fuchser shared a new initiative, SFSC Gives Back, an opportunity for the employees to volunteer within the local communities that we serve.

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VII. TIME FOR DIRECTORS

Dr. Jensen asked the Executive Committee if they had any additional questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Dr. Jensen adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Darrell Jensen

Board President