

**College of the Siskiyous
Foundation Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Weed Campus Board Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dawnie Slabaugh	Emily Moser	Marie Green
Denise Mannion	Rennie Cleland	Char Perlas
Madeleine Ayres	Maggie Crowder	

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ronda Gubetta	Kathy Koon
Bruce Deutsch	Amy Lanier

BOARD MEMBERS UNEXCUSED:

Noelle Collier	Denny Sbarbaro
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STAFF PRESENT:

Angel Keen

GUESTS:

Jayne Turk	Patrice Thatcher-Stevens	John Adamson
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Item 1: **Call to Order, Roll Call, Introduction of Guests**
Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Item 2: **Committee Reports**

a) Investment and Finance

- **Consider Request to Provide Funds for PTK Memberships** – Jayne Turk and Patrice Thatcher-Stephens, senior faculty at the College and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) co-advisors attended the meeting and presented request to the Foundation Board to consider paying membership fees for PTK eligible students in 2024/2025.

National PTK offers \$90 million in scholarships to help PTK members to complete their educational degrees. They support students in developing the professional skills employers seek through the online Competitive Edge program. PTK supports transfer success as they search for four-year colleges and universities that are transfer-friendly and explore the scholarships they offer community college students — including those exclusively for PTK members. And, of course, our PTK members are prepared for leadership through access to custom, nationally recognized, Leadership Development Studies curriculum. Students must be members to qualify for these opportunities.

To utilize the benefits offered by PTK, students must first become members of the organization. For some of the most at-risk students, this fee is paid by

college organizations and state agencies. The reality is, that most students at COS are not able to afford the \$90 membership fee.

In 2022/2023, 34 Siskiyou students were inducted into PTK and in 2023/2024, membership was doubled. PTK membership has grown 100% over the past two years, since Turk and Thatcher-Stephens became advisors. The increase in membership participation, has also meant more food for events, more sashes for graduation, more hats to decorate, and more events to attract and support more students. While discussions have been held for fundraisers, the reality is these students spend their free time doing schoolwork and often holding down jobs. They don't have the time to organize, plan, and/or participate in fund raisers. In the past, college organizations and the Faculty Association and the COS Board, through the generosity of individual members, have given financial assistance to sponsor memberships. As advisors, Turk shared they each personally spend \$500 each year supporting the students participating.

Ms. Slabaugh shared with the Board there is some funding available in the Helping Hands foundation activity fund that could be used to help offset membership fee cost to the students, either by covering the cost 100% per student or a portion of the fee (to be determined). Turk and Thatcher-Stephens will also work with Ms. Slabaugh to promote donation opportunities as it is understood the foundation activity fund will run out of money if no additional funds are deposited to the account.

Motion was made (Green / Moser) to approved request to provide financial assistance to Siskiyou students for PTK membership fees from the Helping Hands activity fund. Approved

- **Consider Request to Provide Funds for Dual Enrolled Students (K-12) –** College of the Siskiyou provides education by means of Dual and Concurrent Enrollment to hundreds of Siskiyou and Modoc Counties K-12 students each semester. These students enrich our campus and provide opportunities for us to work with our K-12 partners to offer courses that students need. Some years ago, the California Community College Chancellor's Office waived the registration fees for all K-12 students. In addition, they also provided Districts the ability to waive most fees such as the health fee. Not all fees can be waived by College of the Siskiyou though as they are under the purview of the Associated Student Body. These fees include the Student Center, Student Activity, and Student Representation fees. These fees, depending on the number of units taken can be anywhere from \$5 to \$15 dollars.

These fees might not seem like much but for many of our K-12 students but many struggle to pay these amounts. In addition, other schools from Oregon or other California Community Colleges have found ways to provide their education entirely free for all K-12 students. This puts COS at a competitive disadvantage and also asks some of our most economically disadvantaged students to pay for fees that they cannot afford. Some of our local schools have mentioned on more than one occasion the challenge it is for many of their students and also expressed the desire to take their students to other schools who will cover the costs. This would not be in the interest of COS or our K-12 students when we can provide a quality education in their own "backyard."

Patrick Walton, Vice President of Student Services, requested the College of the Siskiyou Foundation to cover the fees that College of the Siskiyou cannot waive for K-12 students for the 2024/2025 academic year. The legislature is looking at ways to waive all fees for K-12 students but until that occurs these fees must be collected. Shown below is a table below that shows what the total amount was for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 academic years and how many K-12 students were served each semester. The College has been boosting our K-12 enrollment and will continue to do so, but Mr. Walton does not anticipate it to go beyond \$5,000 for the 2024/2025 academic year.

TERM		Fees	#Students
202250		\$162.00	85
202270		\$1,616.00	170
202310		\$56.00	28
202330		\$1,643.00	202
Total for	22-23	\$3,477.00	485
202350		\$200.00	100
202370		\$1,998.00	237
202410		\$48.00	48
202430		\$1,427.00	148
Total for	23-24	\$3,673.00	533

Motion was made (Moser / Ayres) to approve request to cover fees in 2024/2025 for K-12 students the College of the Siskiyou is not able to waive. Fees will be paid for from the Siskiyou Promise activity fund. Approved

- **Consider Weed Rotary Hole Sponsorship Request for Spring Golf Tournament** – The Weed Rotary Club will hold their 13th annual Spring Scramble Golf Tournament at the Lake Shastina Golf Resort on May 4. Dr. Char Perlas requested the College of the Siskiyou Foundation become a Hole Sponsor at \$150.

Motion was made Ayres / Green to approve \$150 Hole Sponsor request. The sponsorship fee will be paid from Foundation General Fund. Approved

- **Update – Foundation Budget Development (2024-2025)** – Ms. Slabaugh shared with board an update on the budget development process for 2024/2025.

b) Executive and Board Governance

- **Cradle to Careers for Siskiyou (C2C4S) / K16 Collaborative Quarterly Update** – The following was provided as a written report by Marie Caldwell:
 - Completed and submitted the C2C4S bi-annual Report
 - Secured CSU Sacramento dorm spaces for our Fostering the Future event in June
 - Secured a tour of CSU Sacramento, Health Sciences for 6/28
 - Have over 15 applicants for the Fostering the Future Health Event at UC Davis Medical School

- Worked with Butte Valley High School, Mountain Valley Medical, and College of the Siskiyou RHSI program to stand up a Pathway in Health Occupations in Butte Valley
- Working to expand the Health Occupations program to Weed High School, mirroring the MSHS program
- Almost complete with a mapping project for MSHS to COS to Cal Poly Humboldt and UC Davis, for a student facing portal for Health Occupations (EMR, EMT, and Paramedic, to pre-med)
- Rural Secondary Summit planned, with 15 Siskiyou County admin and counselors attending April 28-May 2, focused on [the pathways for all initiative](#).
- CalKids Roll out for the County. Completed training for public facing facilitators: [CalKids Marketing Toolkit](#) 25 facilitators trained
- Marketing fliers ordered, will be placed in new baby kits @ the Hospital
- Results Based Training- 6 Siskiyou staff trained
- North State Together Summit- We are also developing a set of interviews that will be deployed on FB, Instagram, TikTok that show the importance of cross sector partnerships.
- GSK Stem in the Summer grant funding secured. 600 2nd-6th grade students will participate in Summer of 2024

c) Enterprise Operations: The Eagle's Nest

Ms. Keen reported sales for the Eagles Nest in March exceeded the previous March (2023). Donation intake has slowed down. The shop could really use everything except clothing donations. She hopes once 'spring cleaning' gets underway, donations will increase. All summer clothing has been processed and put out on the sales floor. Volunteers are looking forward to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch to be held April 26 at Strings Restaurant in Yreka. Foundation Board members are invited to attend.

d) Scholarships

Ms. Slabaugh reported the Foundation has nearly finished distributing Finish Line Scholarships and Emergency Aid Grants for 2023/2024. She anticipates funding available will be spent out before the end of the spring semester.

2023/2024 Spring Foundation scholarship payments were disbursed in February. The Foundation Scholarship Readers will be meeting April 24 to select candidates for 2024/2025.

e) Donor Development

The Board reviewed past and future event/project activity. Ms. Slabaugh said she is working with John Adamson, husband of past Foundation Board member Karen Copsey who passed away in January 2023, to create a memorial bench in her memory.

f) Alumni Enrichment

Board members are asked to volunteer to staff the Alumni Table at Graduation on May 17, 2024. Members interested please contact the Foundation Office to sign up.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Item 3: **Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2024**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of February 13, 2024.

Item 4: **Treasurer’s Report – Review of Foundation Fiscal Reports**

The Board reviewed the Eagle’s Nest Shop Fiscal Report for the period of July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024.

Item 5: **Date of Upcoming Regular Foundation Board Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the COS Foundation Board of Directors will be Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at the Yreka Campus in the RHSI beginning at 5:30pm.

Item 6: **Upcoming Campus Events and Activities**

The Board reviewed upcoming campus events and activities.

- Public Relations/Foundation Office Closed – April 9-12
- COS Commencement (Graduation) – May 17

Motion was made (Green / Moser) to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved

Item 7: **New and/or Unfinished Business**

None.

NON-ACTION ITEMS / REPORTS:

Item 8: **College / Campus Update**

Dr. Perlas provided a brief update on the College:

- Student enrollment is up over the past two years.
- The College is working with Butte County Office of Education to create a ‘Teacher Prep’ program. More information about this activity will be shared out as needed.
- The Student Housing and Theater/McCloud Hall building projects continue to move forward.

Item 9: **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.