

O Guest: Mike Morvice, Derek Vergara, Tara Giblin, Audrey Crouse, Gary Moon, and Hung Cheng

- A. **Student Union Tour:** Mike Morvice and Derek Vergara hosted a tour of the OCC Student Union.
- B. **Welcome & Introductions:** Dave Cline welcomed everyone and the Foundation went around for introductions.
 - 1. **Approval of Minutes of September 23 as emailed:** Approval of the Minutes was motion approved. Rush Hill abstained.
- C. **Staff Changes:** Doug Bennett announced that Liz Parker will be retiring from the College on

September 23rd, 2021. Liz Parker will continue to be an advocate for Orange Coast College in the community and Doug Bennett expressed how we are immensely grateful for all her service and assistance with Measure M, the Planetarium, and the Foundation.

- D. **College Update:** Dr. Angelica Suarez delivered the College Update, informing the Foundation that the Fall semester is coming to a close and that the Spring semester will usher in more students on campus with hopefully 75% of courses being offered on campus. The ribbon cutting for the Student Union building will be taking place in February. OCC was recognized this month by the Campaign for College Opportunity as the 2021 Equity Champion for the number of transfers of Latinx students. The second recognition OCC received was that out of the 1100 community colleges throughout the country, OCC was 1 of the 150 community colleges selected to participate in the Aspen Awards, which Dr. Suarez likened to the Academy Awards for community colleges.
- E. **OCC Chemistry Building Plans & STEM Update:** Dr. Tara Giblin discussed the need for a New Chemistry Building.
 - 1. **The Need for a New Chemistry Building:** OCC's Chemistry Building was constructed in the 70's (almost 50 years ago) and as Chemistry and STEM education have expanded in that time so has the necessity for facilities that encapsulate the resources and teaching techniques to better engage the students in those fields. There are approximately 300 full-time chemistry students with roughly 2,000 students going in and out of the Chemistry Building with 5% of OCC students taking a chemistry class as well as students being serviced in Allied Health, Astronomy, and General Ed. Chemistry is #8 in the number of Associate Degrees awarded and is the 4th largest department in terms of faculty. Dr. Giblin then introduced Gary Moon and Hung Cheng of tBP Architects to go over the Architectural Overview.
 - 2. **Architectural Overview:** Hung Cheng was grateful for the Chemistry faculty's input and admiration for the project, which started in mid-

21 students from the STEM Academy participated in the Research Symposium at OCC this past year, going up from 12 students the previous year. The STEM Academy is also working towards increasing the number of Latinx students pursuing a teaching career in a STEM field. There are currently 99 STEM Academy participants with over 3,000 students at OCC who are STEM majors. The STEM Academy is reaching out to those STEM majors to increase their numbers and let them know about STEM activities and workshops. The emails that have been sent out to the students have an 85% open rate showing that they are being reached. OCC is very fortunate to receive t

L. **Executive Director's Report:** Doug Bennett closed out the meeting with the Executive Director's Report

1. **Signage Contract for Waterfront Campus Signage:** Doug showed images of the prospective Signage for the Waterfront Campus and given all the expenses is requesting to allocate \$30,000 from the Professional Mariners fund to pay for the architectural work by HPI. The motion was made to allocate an amount not to exceed \$30,000 from the Professional Mariners fund to the Signage Contract for the Waterfront Campus Signage. The motion was seconded and passed with Rush Hill abstaining.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Thursday, January 28, 5:30 pm is the next Foundation Board Meeting in the