

**Orange Coast College Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
Ronnenberg Center @ OCC**

**Attendees:** N o v - 1 ( o ) - 4 ( r s ( o a s ) - e ( e m ) 9

that have enrolled full time and have applied for Financial Aid (FAFSA). The program was started a year and a half ago and it was initially used to assist students within the district, who enrolled in 12 units and students outside the district, who enrolled in 15 units. As of last Fall semester, it was changed to any California resident, who enrolls in 12 units and has applied for FAFSA is eligible to have their tuition covered as well as a bookstore voucher up to \$550 and their college service charge and health fee covered. Students must complete the semester with a 2.0 GPA and have created an Education Plan in order to be eligible for the next semester and now students can apply to the program for a second year. The Student Success Center has been monitoring students and calling those who have dropped their classes for the semester to see how Student Services can help them. There are currently 340 students in the program, 55 students moving on to their second year, and roughly 387 students received book vouchers. There is a 63% retention from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> year with 64% completing 24 units and 93% maintaining a 2.0 GPA or above.

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**1. Mesmerica Shows:** A little over a month ago, Scott Mitchell received a call from an outside vendor who wanted to rent the Planetarium for 6 weekends. Originally, the Planetarium was rented for Saturday and Sunday, which sold out, so they added some Friday shows, which also sold out. After the college declined to have shows over Christmas Break, Mesmerica added shows in January, which have also sold out. With rental fees being \$1,000 per show, the college looks to gain about \$50,000 in net income from these shows. Doug posed the question of whether this is something that the Foundation would want to consider for a longer period of time as the company would like to book through June and the net income would help fund several shows and programs. The Board decided to continue to rent out incrementally, giving other renters/shows the ability to be in the Planetarium. The Foundation would also like to look into future contracts/rental agreements including OCC advertisement for the Planetarium. The Planetarium also had its first wedding on Friday with 3 more weddings in the planning stage.

**2. OCDE School Age Shows Begin in January:** Starting the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January, the Planetarium will have its first group of School Age Shows coordinating with the OCDE. Most of these shows are paid for by the grants that were received last year including \$50,000 from the Samueli Foundation. 39 shows are scheduled as of now for the elementary schools around Orange County.

- I. **College Report:** Kevin Ballinger filled in for Dr. Suarez, who was attending a CEO conference, to present five points for the College Report. The first being an update on Adult Education offering English Language Learning classes different from the credit ESL courses, which is helping members of the community with basic communication in English. These classes are starting to grow in popularity and are now outpacing the ESL courses. The second is that OCC is making progress in dual enrollment as we are now allowed to offer closed classes at high schools, and a lot of the schools in the local districts would like to offer career and technical courses for their student pathways. The third is that the US Green Building Council recognized Michael Carey last week with a leadership award presented by former President Barak Obama. The fourth being an update on the housing project, which attracted two busloads of college presidents from the CEO conference that President Suarez is attending to have a hard hat tour and learn from the successful establishment of OCC's Student Housing. To date, OCC Student Housing has received 135 signed leasing agreements and 234 housing agreements started and 249 applications started with more than 200 interest cards. August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is set for the move in day for student tenants. The fifth item is that Dr. Eric Bender has been recognized by NASA JPL on the new Mars drone mission referred to as R.O.A.D.S. (Rover Observation and Drone Survey) as OCC will be the Southern California hub for K – 12 challenge teams, which will tie into our STEM grant and give OCC more recognition in the field.

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with one being the National Geographic's archives and the other being the Springer eBook collection, which the Friends of the Library voted to fund both those subscriptions critical for students in the STEM fields.

**K. ASOCC Report:**