



**Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, April 13, 2021
2:00PM**

Meeting Participants

Committee Members Present

Marge Dodge (Chair), Christine Anderson and Jane Saltonstall

Non-Voting Committee Members Present

Linda Weakley

Committee Members NOT Present

Norma Castaneda, Cynthia Cottrell and Nancy Harris

Guest(s)

Catherine Abbott and Gailya Brown

Recorder

Eve-Marie Dehondt

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

1.1 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:03PM.

2. Action Items

2.1 Approval of Agenda: Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting of April 13, 2021 Agenda: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), the Committee may take action on items of business not appearing on the posted agenda, upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate

action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a).

2.1 Confirmation of Agenda: Approval of Agenda for the Academic Angels Committee Meeting of April 13, 2021 with any addition, correction or deletions.

2.1 Conclusion

Christine Anderson moved to approve the agenda as presented, Jane Saltonstall seconded. Motion carried.

2.1 Follow-up Items	2.1 Task of	2.1 Due by
None	None	None

3. Minutes

3.1 Approval of the Academic Angels Committee Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2021.

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Comments from the Public

4. 1 Comments From The Public: Comments from the Public: In accordance with Executive Order N-25-20 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation is allowed and will be accepted by email until April 12, 2021 at 5PM to codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu and read into the record during public comment.

There were no comments received from the public.

5. Discussion Items

5.1 March 11 Virtual Event Review

Marge Dodge reported that there are 43 current Academic Angels members as several members joined after the March 11 Virtual Event.

The Committee commented that they were pleased with the March 11 Event as it was an informative and successful event. The timing was well paced, which helped with keeping people’s interest and the Learning to Lead program initiative presentation brought motivation to participants.

The Committee discussed whether they should run another virtual event in the summer and agreed to focus on the newsletter and the Learning to Lead program for the moment.

5.1 Follow-up Items	5.1 Task of	5.1 Due by
None	None	None

5.2 Learning to Lead Program Update

Gailya Brown indicated that the Foundation is working on a Memorandum of Understanding with Leadership Coachella Valley. The Bank of America grant has been submitted and the Foundation is waiting to hear back on whether they will be awarded.

The Committee agreed to invite Shawn Abramowitz to attend the April 28, 2021 Board of Directors meeting as a Mission Moment, to present on the Learning to Lead Program. In case he is not available, his recorded presentation from the March 11 event could be played during the meeting instead. Cathy Abbott will contact him and verify his availability.

Gailya Brown mentioned that Leadership Coachella Valley will host a virtual Commencement sometimes in June and the Committee agreed that if possible, Board Members and Academic Angels should be invited to attend the ceremony, as this would be inspiring to them.

Marge Dodge noted that an article was published in the Desert Sun regarding Cindy Burreson who was recently promoted as the Executive Director of the Children’s Discovery Museum. In that article, she reported that she was a graduate of Leadership Coachella Valley, and Marge Dodge suggested that Cindy might be interested in sharing her experience with Leadership Coachella Valley and provide input on how it affected her career.

5.2 Follow-up Items	5.2 Task of	5.2 Due by
Shawn Abramowitz will be invited to attend the April 28, 2021 Board of Directors meeting to present on the Learning to Lead Program.	Cathy Abbott	April 15, 2021

5.3 Academic Angels Newsletter

An Ad-Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled on April 14, 2021 to discuss and start working on the newsletter. The Ad-Hoc Committee will brainstorm for find a name for the newsletter.

Marge Dodge suggested creating a Member profile for each edition of the newsletter. Cathy Abbott suggested adding a section on the Learning to Lead program, a section on background of the Academic Angels, and a section on events. Matt Durkan had suggested indicating the number of current Academic Members on each edition, however, the committee agreed to hold off on that idea until the number of members grows. Linda Weakley suggested adding a section on fascinating facts, which would include statistics on students and on the College.

The newsletter will be drafted quarterly and sent to current Academic Angels members, lapsed members, lifetime members, Board Members and President's Circle members.

The Committee agreed not to select any additional Academic Angels Committee member until the beginning of the new season in the Fall. Gailya Brown will keep the Committee members informed on any useful information regarding the Learning to Lead program and the program's graduation for this year.

5.3 Follow-up Items	5.3 Task of	5.3 Due by
None	None	None

5.4 Schedule the next Academic Angels Committee meetings

The Committee agreed to schedule their next meeting on May 18, 2021 at 2PM. The next meeting after May will take place in September 2021.

5.4 Follow-up Items	5.4 Task of	5.4 Due by
None	None	None

6. Other discussions

Marge Dodge informed the Committee that due to liability implications of the Foundation and the College when organizing in-person events, no in-person event will be planned until the Campus reopens. The Committee will revisit planning an in-person event in the Fall.

7. Adjournment

The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:27 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 2PM