



**Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, May 18, 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, Gailya Brown, Matt Durkan and Amanda McCarthy

Recorder

Eve-Marie Dehondt

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

1.1 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:01PM.

Christine Anderson left the meeting at 2:45PM.

2. Action Items

2.1 Approval of Agenda: Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting of May 18, 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 May 18, 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 April 13, 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 May 17, 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 Angels Newsletter Update

Amanda McCarthy shared the Angels Newsletter’s draft with the Committee. The newsletter will include links that will enable readers to click and donate on the Foundation’s website page and read full articles.

The newsletter will be sent to the Current Academic Angels, Lapsed Academic Angels, Lifetime members, President’s Circle members and the Foundation Board.

Catherine Abbott indicated the final template is currently being reviewed by the public relation’s office for approval. She also reported that the video that was created for the 60th anniversary would serve as Fascinating Facts, along with a student testimonial from the Commencement ceremony of 2020.

Amanda McCarthy will include the link to the speech in the newsletter. Catherine Abbott will be sending the video to Linda Weakley and Marge Dodge for them to finalize that section.

Amanda McCarthy will update the newsletter according to the suggestions made by the Committee.

5.1 Follow-up Items	5.1 Task of	5.1 Due by
Amanda McCarthy will update the newsletter according to the suggestions made by the Committee	Amanda McCarthy	June 1
Catherine Abbott will be sending the video for the fascinating facts to Linda Weakley and Marge Dodge for their review, and for them to finalize that section.	Catherine Abbott, Linda Weakley and Marge Dodge	June 1

5.2 Learning to Lead Program Update

5.2.1 Shawn Abramowitz's presentation at Foundation Board meeting.

The Committee agreed that the presentation from Shawn Abramowitz at the Foundation Board meeting was a success and was well received by the attendees.

Matt Durkan is in discussions with Shawn Abramowitz regarding the Learning to Lead Program with the Leadership Coachella Valley. They are working on how the Academic Angels could be involved with the Leadership Coachella Valley meetings when they will be in-person in September, and suggested that they could be involved with the mentorship component of the program.

Matt Durkan will meet with Shawn Abramowitz to figure out how the mentorship program could work, to differentiate it from the past students who are mentoring new students.

Marge Dodge suggested that Academic Angels could be acting as gold coaches instead of mentors, perform regular check-ins with the students to ensure they have reached their goals, and help them reach it.

As well, Catherine Abbott mentioned that Norma Castaneda and Linda Weakley could work with the students and train them on interview preparation, resume writing or conflict resolution. Academic Angels could help the students in many ways and in areas in which they do not already receive support or training on, and which is not included in the program's curriculum.

The Committee agreed to develop a series of seminars (1 to 2 hours) on these topics, which would enhance the program, as soon as they receive more information on the upcoming program. Academic Angels would be solicited to be involved and the Committee would ask them to share what skills they could bring to become coaches.

Catherine Abbott indicated that she is working with Carlos Maldonado who will help identify the first cohort of students, from the students who are currently involved with the leadership program. As well, the College has been selected by the Chancellor’s Office and by MIT to be one of four Community Colleges in California to run a pilot project for a cohort of students interested in solving a problem in the Coachella Valley.

They will have to go through innovation and entrepreneurship. They will potentially be able to patent their project. Pam Hunter asked if the Leadership Coachella Valley would be interested in meeting with the team who is heading up the project at the College, which includes her, Dr. Annebelle Nery, a Physics faculty member and Dr. Kim Dozier. Leadership Coachella Valley could share their vision for the cohort of students and the students would then meet with the Leadership Coachella Valley Board to ask them questions about what program needs to be solved in the Coachella Valley.

The project will begin in the summer of 2021. The College thought these students could become the cohort of students working with Leadership Coachella Valley. The Committee was in favor of that suggestion.

5.2 Follow-up Items	5.2 Task of	5.2 Due by
None	None	None

5.3 In-Person Welcome Back Membership Tea in the Fall

The Committee discussed and agreed to organize an in-person “Welcome back membership Tea Event” on November 18, 2021. Academic Angels who renewed their membership would be invited to this event in a private home.

Barbara Fromm has offered to host it at her house from 3PM to 5PM. Catherine Abbott suggested inviting Learning to Lead Students to this event. Marge Dodge will check the Community Calendar to ensure the date will work. She will also confirm the date with Barbara Fromm and will contact Nancy Harris to enquire whether The Coeta Barker Foundation would be willing to fund the event, as they have in the past.

Guests could be invited to bring a guest who does not know about the program and would cover their entrance fees.

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Marge Dodge will check the Community Calendar to ensure the date will work. She will also confirm the date with Barbara Fromm and will contact Nancy Harris to enquire whether her Foundation would be willing to fund the event.	Marge Dodge	June 2021

6. Adjournment

The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – 2PM