



**Foundation Special Academic Angels Committee Meeting  
Minutes for Thursday, January 20, 2022  
11:00AM**

**Meeting Participants**

**Committee Members Present**

Marge Dodge (Chair) and Peggy Jacobs

**Non-Voting Committee Members Present**

Cynthia Cottrell and Linda Weakley

**Committee Members NOT Present**

Norma Castaneda and Nancy Harris

**Guest(s)**

Catherine Abbott

**Recorder**

Eve-Marie Dehondt

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

**1.1 Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 11:02AM.

**2. Action Items**

**2.1 Approval of Agenda: Special Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting of January 20, 2022 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 Special Academic Angels Committee Meeting of January 20, 2022 with any addition, correction or deletions.**

**2.1 Conclusion**

Peggy Jacobs moved to approve the agenda as presented, Marge Dodge seconded. Motion carried.

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

**3. Comments from the Public**

**3.1 Public Comments:** In accordance with Senate Bill 361 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation is allowed and will be accepted in person, by email to [codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu](mailto:codfoundation@collegeofthedesert.edu) and read into the record during public comment or by using the raise your hand function by joining the Zoom link. There is a time limit of three (3) minutes per person. All comments must be submitted or brought forward prior to the end of the public comments section.

There were no comments received from the public.

**4. Action & Discussion Items**

**4.1 State of the College**

Marge Dodge provided some background information on the history of the State of College which is a recent event started by Dr. Kinnamon a few years ago. The last one took place in 2020 and was luncheon under a big tent. Large donors, City Councils, Partners in the community, as well as College members are invited.

Different areas of the College were promoted and a theme was usually associated with it. The President of the College provided their address after lunch.

Catherine Abbott share her idea around involving the Academic Angels with the State of the College. Dr. Garcia has asked the Foundation to lead the organization of State of the College this year and Catherine Abbott is proposing to make this the Academic Angels’ annual signature event, where they could promote the Learning to Lead program.

Leaders of the business community attend this event and this would be a good avenue during the first year of launching the program, to bring visibility about it.

\$70,000 were budgeted for the State of the College this year as this has always been paid by the Foundation. Catherine Abbott suggested the Academic Angels could do minimal fundraising and sell tickets to the event for a minimal price that the Committee could determinate. They should find a few donors who love education and who would be interested in sponsoring the event. They would be put up front and be given a spotlight for their contribution.

Catherine Abbott suggested hiring an event company who would do the heavy lifting, while the Academic Angels would do the general development. The company Ultimate Event is being considered. The College of the Desert Culinary Department could cater.

The Committee recommended the College President should present on the current issues with the Palm Springs campus and allow answering some questions that would be sent in advance.

The Committee suggested adding the option to sign up for the campus tours on the table as they can bring strong interest for the College and its programs.

The Committee agreed to host a **luncheon on the Palm Desert campus on a weekday, either on April 19 or 20**. Catherine Abbott will verify these dates with the College.

The Committee agreed to send an E-blast to inform invitees of the February 16 event is now cancelled. Marge Dodge will send the draft letter and the list of people to inform to Eve-Marie Dehondt who will email them.

Marge Dodge indicated she would send a handwritten note to the Academic Angels members who did renewed their membership as of December 2021. Eve-Marie Dehondt will send her the current list of renewed members and non-renewed members.

#### **4.1 Conclusion**

Marge Dodge moved for the Academic Angels to plan the State of the College event, which will become their signature event. Peggy Jacobs seconded. Motion Carried.

#### **4.1 Follow-up Items**

#### **4.1 Task 4.1 Due by of**

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**5. Adjournment**

The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40AM.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – 2PM**