



**Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting  
Minutes for Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
2:00PM**

**Meeting Participants**

**Committee Members Present**

Marge Dodge (Chair) and Norma Castaneda

**Non-Voting Committee Members Present**

Shari Stewart and Linda Weakley

**Committee Members NOT Present**

Cynthia Cottrell, Nancy Harris and Peggy Jacobs

**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 2:02PM.

Marge Doge introduced the new Academic Angels Committee member, Shari Stewart.

**2. Action Items**

**2.1 Approval of Agenda: Foundation Academic Angels Committee Meeting of April 12, 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 Academic Angels Committee Meeting of April 12, 2022 with any addition, correction or deletions.**

**2.1 Conclusion**

Norma Castaneda moved to approve the agenda as presented, Marge Dodge seconded. Motion carried.

<b>2.1 Follow-up Items</b>	<b>2.1 Task of</b>	<b>2.1 Due by</b>
None	None	None

**3. Minutes**

3.1 Approval of the Academic Angels Committee Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022.

Norma Castaneda moved to approve the minutes as presented, Marge Dodge seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Comments from the Public**

**4.1 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.

**5. Action & Discussion Items**

**5.1 Academic Angels Newsletter Update**

- Amanda McCarthy presented two options for the next Academic Angels newsletter that will be released in June to the Committee. Marge Dodge will work with her on the different options.
- Main feature will be on "Stepping Out for College of the Desert". Content will need to be provided to Amanda to complete.
- There should be a small paragraph about the Master's class that Ann Hampton Callaway provided. There is an article in the Desert Sun that Marge Dodge wrote and is available online. Catherine Abbott will also provide some photos.

- If the Committee agrees to do a May 19 luncheon, there should be an overview of the luncheon.
- Other articles and news will be included as needed.

5.1 Follow-up Items	5.1 Task of	5.1 Due by
Amanda McCarthy will work with Marge Dodge on all the above items	Amanda McCarthy & Marge Dodge	May 2022

### 5.2 Learning to Lead Program Update

- Catherine Abbott provided a short briefing about the Learning to Lead Program to the new Committee member, Shari Stewart.
- Graduation is on June 24, from 6PM to 9PM, and the Foundation has tickets to attend.
- The cohort for next year will be composed of 6 students. The process will begin at the end of June and beginning of July for them to attend the launch of the program. The Committee members were invited to attend the interviews of the students and/or reviews of the applications. Catherine Abbott will talk to the College about interviewing them.
- On a side note, Catherine Abbott reported that Dakota De La Torre has been chosen to sing the national hymn during the annual graduation on May 25 at the Indian Wells.
- The Board meeting is on May 25<sup>th</sup>, could be held in the tennis club.

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

### 5.3 April 19, 2022 - Academic Angels Potential Luncheon Discussion

- The Committee discussed the potential Academic Angels Luncheon on May 19.
- This could be a "Friend-raising" event, everything included for \$50 and not make it a big fundraiser but a 'friend-raiser'. People are going to leave a bit earlier this year so there was discussion about the attendance.
- Event could be no-cost to Academic Angels, and charge people who are not in the Academic Angels. Peggy Jacobs made a donation that can be used.
- Each Academic Angel should bring a guests at no charge, but cover the price for the guest. \$65 if you come by yourself. "Each one bring one" can be the theme.

- Invitations to Board members, President’s Circle, Academic Angels.
- Ideas included invitation for Academic Angels that says bring a guest and both are \$65, invitations to Non Academic Angels come for \$65, and Academic Angels get in free with one guest.
- Low key fundraising with a reasonable price.
- Marge Dodge will work with Catherine Abbott and Eve-Marie Dehondt on the invitations for the Academic Angels.
- Marge Dodge will get a bid from Big Horn, invite the Learning to Lead students and get the invitations ready.
- Next year make something regarding “men can be angels too”.

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

**5.4 State of the College Planning:**

**5.3.1 Event Date/Time/Location**

- Tuesday, November 1, 2022 is an option for State of the College. Catherine Abbott will contact Dr. Garcia to check her schedule for that day.
- 150 to 200 attendees are expected.
- The Committee agreed to not host the event on campus this year.
- Marge Dodge to find options in Palm Desert. For the first year move it until we get into the rhythm of it. Check out Bellatrix Classic Club. Mira Monte, Stone Eagle, Big Horn, JW Marriott, Omni, Toscana
- Restaurants on Mondays are usually closed to the public but they have what is necessary to do a lunch. Cuistot for instance can be done.

**5.3.2 Event Program**

- Norma Castaneda suggested a speaker of some sorts stating that she met a Mark Scharin Biorich who does a motivational speaking and wrote a book called “Nice Bike”. Not sure how much he would charge. He lives in the Midwest.

**5.3.3 Sponsors**

- Catherine Abbott and Matt Durkan met with a representative from Amazon on Friday and he donated \$25,000 to sponsor State of the College as they would like to become connected with the College.

**5.3 Follow-up Items****5.3 Task of****5.3 Due by**

None	None	None
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**6. Adjournment**

The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00PM.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 2PM**