



**The University Foundation
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**The University Foundation at Sacramento State
Board of Directors Meeting**
June 6, 2025
Sierra College

Members Present:

Alice Perez, *Board Chair*
Lora Anguay
Margot Bach
Fred Baldini
Bernice Bass de Martinez, *Chair, Governance*
Colette Harris-Mathews
Devin Lavelle, *SSAA Representative*
Chris McAlary
Sue McGinty, *Board Secretary*
Ryan Murphy, *Board Vice Chair*
Michael Reza, *Executive Officer*
Pam Stewart
Holly Tiche, *Past Board Chair*
Vanessa Guerra
Scott Syphax
Luke Wood, *President*
Aranjot Kaur, *Student Rep.*

Members Absent:

Ajay Singh
Tina Treis, *Chair, Audit*
David Bugatto
Bud Travers
Christine Ault
Garry Maisel, *Chair, Finance*

Guests:

Sonia Diwa, *Accounting Services*
Nataly Andrade-Dominguez, *Past ASI President*
Sharise Harrison, *AVP of Advancement Services*
Jennifer Barber

Advancement Staff:

Anya Azad
Terance Dass
Paul Villaluz
Renee Siden
Jillian Garcia

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order
 - a. Chair Alice Perez called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.
2. Public Comments - none
3. The agenda for the June 6, 2025 meeting was approved, no abstentions.
 - i. Motion: Sue McGinty
 - ii. Second: Bernice Bass de Martinez
 - iii. Motion passed
4. Welcome Video – William Duncan, Superintendent and President of Sierra College

5. Placer Campus Discussion – took place on earlier in the day during the bus tour of the Placer Campus
6. The Board approved the consent agenda, consisting of the following item:
 - i. February 28, 2025 board meeting minutes
 - ii. May 1, 2025 board meeting minutes
 1. Motion: Devin Lavelle
 2. Second: Vanessa Guerra
 3. Motion passed
7. Presidents Report (President Wood)
 - a. Participated in the GSEC retreat and shared updates about Sac State with community leaders
 - b. Second wave of students starting in the Black Honors College
 - c. Native American College starts this fall
 - d. Enrollment for the fall is an increase from last fall - continuing upward trend
 - e. The Well Basketball Gym will open in time for basketball season with more seating
 - f. Update on athletics: Athletics is a tool to help drive student enrollment, retention, and revenue to support the academic mission of the institution
 - g. Graduation rate is the highest they have ever been
 - h. All classes have been approved for a new series – Artificial Intelligence (minor and masters programs)
8. Advancement Operations Update (Sharise Harrison)
 - a. Sharise shared updates that have been made to processes
9. Advancement Update
 - a. Michael Reza presented the Advancement Budget
 - b. Discussion and vote to approve the budget
 1. Motion: Lora Anguay
 2. Second: Sue McGinty
 3. Motion passed
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee Update (Michael Reza for Garry Maisel)
 - i. Michael publicly thanked Garry Maisel for his work over the past few months guiding the Finance Committee
 - ii. Approval of the Financial Statements
 1. A motion was made to approve the financial statements presented to the board. (Financial Statements as of 3/31/25, Budget to Actual as of 3/31/25, and UFSS Q1 2025 Portfolio Review)
 - a. Motion: Ryan Murphy
 - b. Second: Margot Bach
 - c. Motion passed
 - iii. Brian Dombkowski and Meghan DeGroot with Sand Hill Global Advisors presented the UFSS Q1 2025 Portfolio Review

- b. Governance Committee Update (Bernice Bass de Martinez)
 - i. A motion was made to approve Fred Baldini as the UFSS Representative to the SSAA Board of Directors
 - 1. Motion: Bass de Martinez
 - 2. Second: Pam Stewart
 - 3. Motion passed
 - ii. Bernice asked the other committees to review their committee charters
 - c. Audit Committee Update (Alice Perez for Tina Treis)
 - i. Approval of the Conflict-of-Interest (Form 700) Report
 - 1. No board member cited any potential conflicts of interest for the Foundation
 - a. Motion: Fred Baldini
 - b. Second: Scott Syphax
 - c. Motion passed
 - d. Executive Committee Update (Perez)
 - i. Alice shared the UFSS Dashboard which does not include the funds raised during Give Sac State Day this year
- 11. Student Update (Aranjot Kaur)
 - a. Aranjot is the first international student serving in the role of ASI President
 - b. She is the student founder of Combat U
 - c. Goals for next academic year
 - i. Campus safety
 - ii. Affordability
 - iii. DEI
 - iv. Innovation
 - d. Wants to raise money to support students (scholarships and endowments)
 - e. Raise resources for self-defense training for students
 - f. Expand student start ups
 - g. Focus on basic needs (food and housing security)
- 12. Alumni Association Update (Jennifer Barber and Devin Lavelle)
 - a. Jennifer and Devin updated the board on the SSAA activities
- 13. Other Business - none
- 14. Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. (Devin Lavelle/Ryan Murphy)

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