THE UNIVERSITY CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 11, 2013

A meeting of The University Corporation Board of Directors was called to order by Chair, Dianne F. Harrison at 3:06 p.m. on Friday, October 11, 2013, in the Sierra Center Colleagues Room, California State University, Northridge. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Talar Alexanian, Harvey Bookstein, Ana Cristina Cadavid, Luis Canton, Dianne F. Harrison, Dan Hosken, Marbella Lupercio, Jesus Martinez-Ramirez, Michael Phillips, Louis Rubino, Michael Spagna, Sonia Vaswani, Christopher Woolett, Ben Yaspelkis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ronald Friedman, Jennifer Matos, Bob Rawitch

STAFF PRESENT: Heather Cairns, Elizabeth Corrigan, Rick Evans, John Griffin, Georg Jahn, Tim Killops, Elizabeth Kioussis, Michael Lennon, Linda Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Berger, Cathy McLeod, Scott Perez, Roslyn Rosen, Ken Rosenthal, and other unidentified individuals

ITEM I. APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The University President appointed the following individuals to serve on the Board:

Faculty:

Michael Phillips
(Completing the term of Michael Neubauer)


Students:

Talar Alexanian

Luis Canton

Sonia Vaswani

Christopher Woolett
One-year term (2013-2014)

(Completing the term of Tanya Martin)

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MAY 23, 2013 BOARD MINUTES

MSP (Yaspelkis/Hosken): That the minutes of the May 23, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be approved as circulated.

ITEM III. RECEIPT OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2013 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes were received.

ITEM IV. DIRECTORS’ HANDBOOK AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS
The 2013/2014 Directors Handbook was distributed to the directors. The annual Conflict of Interest statements were distributed for signature, as required by the California State University Chancellor’s Office.

ITEM V. NATIONAL CENTER ON DEAFNESS

Mr. Evans introduced Roslyn Rosen, Director of the National Center on Deafness at California State University, Northridge. Dr. Rosen is Principal Investigator on the single largest grant ever awarded to the university – the five-year, $20 million Department of Education project, ‘Postsecondary Educational Programs Network.’ Dr. Rosen introduced Cathy McLeod, PepNet 2 Center Director.

This is the third year of the project, which involves working with people, institutions and government agencies serving deaf and hard-of-hearing students. The goal is to build capacities in order to improve these students’ education and career choices. The grant supports five national summits on deaf education. The second summit, in November 2013, will include twenty-five states; the third will include all fifty states. The summits are the first opportunity for participants to meet with their counterparts from other states. Technology is a key component to the program’s work and an online training module is in development.

Michael Spagna asked what the biggest challenges are. Dr. Rosen responded that major challenges are division within the deaf community due to language differences, and finding ways to encourage students to get to the college level and pursue careers.

ITEM VI. SUPPORT OF ATHLETICS

Noting that one of the planning priorities included in CSUN Shines for the Next Decade is use of athletics as a means for engagement, Mr. Evans advised that the Corporation has significantly increased its efforts in support of Athletics. Heather Cairns provided an overview of recent collaborations, including pre-game hospitality at the Pub, apparel sales at athletics events, and special events such as Matador Madness.

ITEM VII. REPORT ON COMPLETED PROJECTS

Mr. Evans stated that the projects were accomplished over spring/summer and introduced Tim Killops, Director of Facilities and Projects, and Linda Turner, Associate Director of Real Estate.

Freudian Sip-Oviatt Library. Mr. Killops reported on the new coffee house that is part of the Library’s new first floor Learning Commons, which opened at the start of the fall 2013 semester.

Orange Grove Bistro upgrades. Mr. Killops reported that a minor renovation of the bar area was completed. In the kitchen, the original cooler and freezer were replaced and new flooring was installed.

Real Estate Acquisitions. Ms. Turner advised that the Corporation purchased an unimproved parcel adjacent to the Halsted Street home, as well as a single-family home on Kinzie and Lindley.

Michael Spagna asked if the Corporation has looked at buying property for research space; Rick Evans responded that this is an ongoing concern. The Chair suggested that leasing space is also an option.
ITEM VIII. UNIVERSITY HOUSING-RELATED PROJECTS

Mr. Evans reminded the Board of the fund that had been established for projects related to the expansion of student housing. He asked Tim Killlops to update the Board. Mr. Killlops reported on four projects that will proceed on the same timeline.

*Geronimo’s expansion:* Geronimo’s dining hall will expand into the adjacent Shoshone Room, which will have a pan-Asian theme. The Corporation is working with design firm, Ricca Newmark, whose portfolio includes themed design for Disney.

*Kitchen improvements:* To handle the 400 additional residents, improvements are needed to the kitchen, including an ‘accumulator system’ for dish drop-off.

Mr. Killlops advised that he will seek input from contractors to better estimate costs, adding that the projects will likely have to be value engineered.

*Freudian Sip-University Park:* A Freudian Sip coffee house is included in the design of Building 18.

*La Tienda Convenience Store.* Though not part of the original plan, the Corporation now has the opportunity to move the convenience store to Building 9, where it can double in size and be near the shuttle stop. Management will present an estimated $500,000 funding plan at the next Board meeting.

ITEM IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

2013 Audit. The Corporation received a clean opinion. The audit report was reviewed by the Audit Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Yaspell, First Vice President