

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
FOUNDATION

**MINUTES OF THE
FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
May 29, 2019**

Members Present:

Scott Hunt (via ZOOM)
Dan Johnson (via ZOOM)
Heidi Moore-Guynup
Manolo Morales (via ZOOM)
Duncan Robins
Frank Whitlatch

Absent:

Jason Ramos

Guests:

Alisa Judge (via ZOOM), Kyle Plitt (via ZOOM), Douglas Dawes, Lynne Sandstrom, Deb Rice, Peggy Mecham-Carlotti, Doug Edgmon, Peter Lehman, Allison Hansberry, Liz Whitchurch and Lola Alto

A meeting of the Humboldt State University Foundation Finance and Investment Committee was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 2:30 PM in Nelson Hall West 213 on the University campus.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Manolo Morales at 2:30 PM.

2. Visitor comments

Dr. Peter Lehman, Founding Director of the Schatz Energy Research Center (SERC), reported that they are utilizing the capacity of their new space with students and staff. They had received two grants and have one pending for off shore wind development.

3. Acceptance of Minutes from the February 21, 2019 meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded, with one abstention, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting are accepted.

4. Review of Financial Statements through March 31, 2019

The unaudited financial statements for the third quarter were reviewed and discussed.

5. Asset Allocation

Kyle Plitt, RVK, Inc. Investment Manager presented the Asset Allocation Review. RVK is proposing that the HSUF consider the removal of BlackRock Global Allocation Fund from the Endowment portfolio. In addition to changes in management, BlackRock has underperformed its benchmark while also investing in concerning sectors. It is also recommended that the HSUF update the Investment Policy.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was:

RESOLVED, the Finance and Investment Committee recommend to the HSUF Board of Directors support the removal of Blackrock Global Allocation Fund with the expectation to rebalance the Investment Policy with the support of RVK, Inc.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Finance and Investment Committee recommend to the HSUF Board of Directors to support a modest increase in Equity, including Green Allocation to Large/Mid Cap U.S. and International Equities while reducing allocation to more volatile Small Cap Equities with the support of RVK, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Finance and Investment Committee recommend to the HSUF Board of Directors to support a modest increase in Fixed Income and TIPS with the support of RVK, Inc.

6. Foundation Budget for FY 2019-20

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-20 was presented and discussed. A highlighted item was a one-time allocation for support for CSU Advocacy for an upcoming bond measure for higher education.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-20 be recommended to the Board of Directors.

7. HSU Real Estate Holdings (HSUREH)

Liz Whitchurch, Facilities Management Special Programs Coordinator, reviewed the four properties which were transferred from HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation (HSUSPF) to the HSU Real Estate Holdings (HSUREH). Escrow closed on all four properties and they are now owned by HSUREH. Conversations continue about the possibility of moving the Schatz

Tree Farm to HSUREH. The Samoa Boulevard property has a long term lease to HSU. The Annex property and the newly acquired Jacoby Creek Forest property is owned by the State.

8. Other Business

There was no other business to be discussed.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM