

El Dorado County Citizens for a University

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

3:00 PM

Conference Room A
330 Fair Lane, Building A
Placerville, CA 95667

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Cherie Raffety at 3:05 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: Steve Ferry, Terry Gherardi, Kris Payne, Todd White, Cherie Raffety, and Gabe Thomas.

Absent: Dave Johnston

Guests: John Knight

Beverly Savage was present as Recording Secretary.

3. Adoption of Agenda and Approval of the March 23, 2016, Minutes

A Motion was made by G. Thomas, seconded by T. Gherardi to Approve the March 23, 2016, Minutes.

Yes: S. Ferry, T. Gherardi, K. Payne, T. White, C. Raffety, G. Thomas. No: 0.

4. Member Reports and Updates

Cherie Raffety notified the group that Jeff McLaughlin informed her that his department still had the grant writers under contract with the County and that the Citizens group might consider applying for grant funds.

The letter that was approved at the March 23 meeting has been sent to U.C. Berkley. A further overture will be made to Berkley regarding the lower costs of operating a university in El Dorado County. John Knight suggested that Ms. Raffety speak with the CFO for the Los Rios Community College District before approaching Berkley regarding their budget. Mr. Knight offered to make the introduction.

Ms. Raffety reported on her meeting with Brenda Finn of DST and their tour of the “Pods.” The buildings contain many interesting interior curved spaces, a classroom for approximately 40 people, and several small offices. There was discussion regarding parking requirements of a community college and whether there is adequate parking at the site. John Knight will send data regarding parking requirements for community colleges.

Ms. Finn also referenced the building at 1102 Investment Boulevard. The structure formerly housed a kitchen. This building is of a conventional rectangular design.

Kris Payne discussed open land near the Office of Education/Folsom Lake College, El Dorado Center as a possible site for a university.

Beverly Savage reported on research regarding adult vocational programs in El Dorado County. The research indicated that there are no vocational programs available to adults in this county except for ROP programs for high school students who move directly from high school into the programs. Other adults wishing to pursue vocational education must travel to Placer or Sacramento counties.

Staff has focused research on Nursing, Veterinary Technician and Pharmacy Technician Programs and has begun to compile data to complete the “Identify the Need” form provided by John Knight and will request the programs be added to the El Dorado Center curriculum. Mr. Knight suggested that staff survey employers in the county regarding their current and future anticipated staffing needs.

Gabe Thomas distributed a revised “Petition of Support” form. Members were encouraged to distribute the form for signatures. Gabe will e-mail the form as requested.

6. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Ms. Raffety stated that the group’s next step is to meet with large corporations in the region to garner their support for the project. She charged the group with identifying those corporations, and contacts within the corporations, if possible. Mr. Payne suggested that Ms. Raffety speak with Supervisor Ranalli before approaching Intel, since Supervisor Ranalli worked many years for Intel.