California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
President’s Arabian Advisory Committee Meeting  
November 9, 2017

Present: Lisa Kessler (Ex-officio), Jéanne Brooks (Ex-officio), Sylvia Alva (Ex-officio), Daniel Montplaisir (VP Advancement), Melissa Watkins (Senior Director of Development Ag.) Scott Dunn, Rob Bick, Gary Dearth, Janina Merz (Ex-officio), Lewis McKim, Margaret Rich, Katie Burr, Lauren Corona (staff).

Meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

President’s Report: Daniel Montplaisir spoke on behalf of President Soraya Coley as she was unable to attend the meeting. Daniel welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked the committee members for participating. The Committee was asked to introduce themselves sharing name, years of committee service and connection. Daniel gave an overview of student enrollment, demographics and career paths, new dean hires, fundraising, property acquisitions, university branding updates, the strategic plan, semester conversion and new construction of campus facilities.

Academic Affairs Update: Sylvia Alva provided an update on tenure track faculty, budget, planning and priorities. Lisa Kessler gave an update on student hands on education, community outreach, and the role the Horse Center plays within these topics. Lisa also presented on AG student enrollment, majors, Equine Science Minor, outreach, facilities, research, farming, development, service learning, animal health care, ag. promotional events, the farm store and highlights of student success stories.

AHC Update: Jéanne Brooks thanked the committee for their support and commitment. Elizabeth Lett’s The Perfect Horse lecture on November 8 was reviewed as it was a great showcase for Cal Poly Pomona and the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. Following the categories of the university’s new strategic plan, Jéanne gave an overview of operational updates since the last meeting. The Horse Center has five programs in support of delivering quality programs that promote learning, discovery and creativity. Sales, breeding, horse usage, and pasture management were reviewed in support of strengthening the horse center’s economic vitality and impact. Enhancements in student programs were reviewed as they relate to preparing our students for the future of work and civic engagement. HR and facility updates were provided as examples of advancements in organizational development and employee excellence.

Discussion: The Board raised concerns about pasture state and the covered arena and the group discussed means to address this.

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Next meeting is April 20, 2018.