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**The DaVinci Institute
Board of Directors Meeting
June 14, 2002
Minutes**

The board of Directors of the DaVinci Institute met on Friday, May 10, 2002 3:00 – 4:05 p.m. at OETA. Those in attendance were: Mark Parker, OCU; Paul Hammond, OBU; Manuel Prestamo, OKCCC; Teresa Brekke, Kirkpatrick Foundation; JoBeth Moad, OCU; Linda Tiller, OU; Nancy Barry, OU; Melissa Vincent, DaVinci; Chris Markwood, UCO; and Betty Edwards, Rose State College.

I. Welcome: Mark Parker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Financial Report – Linda Tiller reported that the Foundation account for the DaVinci Institute account is gone. \$48,000 shows in the balance but it has been encumbered. An itemized list of expenses and incomes was distributed. The BancFirst account has \$33,913.00. Mark Parker reported that we have \$70,000 coming from Arkansas for Oklahoma A+ but that \$50,000 from the McEwen Foundation will no longer be available with the absence of John Cathey. He also reported that the President of Reynolds set up the parameters for the Reynolds grant. Linda Tiller asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Paul Hammond so motioned. Chris Markwood seconded. All approved.

III. The minutes were read. Mark Parker asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Paul Hammond moved for acceptance of the minutes. Chris Markwood seconded. All approved.

Mark Parker took this time to announce that Melissa Vincent has been approved for a full-time position at the DaVinci Institute and will serve as Executive Director beginning July 1, 2002.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Public Awareness – Paul Hammond reported that the emphasis for this year would be membership and a more conducive website. A budget of \$8,000 has been approved to help with these areas. Melissa Vincent will be getting vendors to send bids for the update on the website. Speakers for the upcoming year have already been secured; Barbara Shepherd from the Kennedy Center will speak at the Nov. 8 meeting and Ben Cameron from the Theatre Communications Group in NYC will speak at one of the spring dates. We are also working on the idea of a “DaVinci Scholars” program, which will allow university members of DaVinci to nominate seniors in education who will receive a stipend for staying in the Oklahoma area to teach. They will also have meetings and other things that will keep them connected with DaVinci and give the institutes some benefit for becoming a member institute.

B. Programming- Manuel Prestamo reported that they are tidying up Jack Eddlemans visits to the various campuses. Also, Mark Parker is working on Lynn Harrell. He is also trying to tie in more groups for Bulent Atalay's visit and will have finalized numbers by August. He asked Mark Parker about the yearlong scholar through the Fulbright Association; the applications are due by November 1. Mark Parker said there is an interest and a meeting will be scheduled to initiate a grant proposal. Manuel said that all institutes could be listed as beneficiaries of the scholar and that they would arrive in August and be funded to June.

V. Other Business – Chris Markwood asked for clarification of the research component with DaVinci. He questioned whether DaVinci should be sponsoring its own research and whether this would hurt the legitimacy of the research. JoBeth Moad stated that the benefit of sponsorship is choosing the parameters of the research. Nancy Barry questioned her listing as a board member in that she does not want to present any conflict of interest. Possibly allow the researchers to be in an advisory capacity rather than actual board members. Mark Parker responded that board membership is tricky and that it should be noted that the outcome of the research is not contingent on funding. Nancy Barry brought up the subject of intellectual property and the ability to distribute findings regardless of the designations. Manuel Prestamo suggested the title of ex-officio research liaison. Chris Markwood made a motion to have the researchers listed as ex-officio research liaisons. Paul Hammond seconded. All approved.

Mark Parker suggested the need for an Oklahoma A+ Schools oversight board that would be separate from DaVinci Institute Board. It would be a group not tied to the project that could help with development and less consuming of time for the members of the DaVinci Institute board. Nancy Barry inquired as to whom would serve as representatives of the board, parents, business people, common school representatives, chairman of education.... Also who would be the representative to the DaVinci board to keep the board updated as to progress or concerns. Chris Markwood added that such a board would clarify and consolidate the chain of command to which John Clinton must report as Executive Director for Oklahoma A+ Schools. JoBeth Moad suggested that discussion of the creation of this board be tabled until John Clinton and Marvin Lamb were present as well as a larger percentage of the board. She also requested more details such as how would they be funded; whom would they report to, etc.

Mark Parker asked that everyone review the strategic plan and see if they feel we are still on target or if we need to amend any of the goals to better suit our current position.

Manuel Prestamo suggested the funding consideration be watched carefully in that the outlook for fundraising could have a different posture. Mark Parker commented that the budgets show that costs for Oklahoma A+ Schools decrease each year. He added that money is not necessarily going to be the big issue for the future in that Sandy Garrett is still seeking \$500,000 in the budget for the following year.

Melissa Vincent mentioned that Susan McCalmont was interested in the possibility of DaVinci becoming associated with the Oklahoma Film Institute. Manuel Prestamo asked if she was aware of a consortium that was being developed in connection with OFI involving the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City University and Oklahoma City Community College. Melissa replied that it was just an idea for possible collaboration in the area of higher education that Susan felt could be investigated. Further discussion was tabled until Susan's return to further discuss the possibilities.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05