

Sheila Laffey, Film Studies; November 23, 2020: A screening of *The Condor and the Eagle* followed by a discussion and audience Q & A with Professor Sheila Laffey and the SMC Brazil Club; April 5, 2021: A screening of *Fantastic Fungi* followed by a discussion and audience Q & A with Director Louie Schwartzburg; April 26, 2021: A screening of *Kiss the Ground* followed by a discussion and audience Q & A with Producer Bill Benenson and Patrick Latting from Compost Culture; May 10, 2021: A screening of *Gather* followed by a discussion and audience Q and A with Director Sanjay Rawal. *Board Priority I, #1.*

- **EcoLearning Speaker Series**, Professor Gillian Grebler, Earth Science. SMC's Earth Science department has developed several credit and noncredit courses in sustainability, providing a growing hub for academic, experiential, and applied sustainability teaching which is called EcoLearningSMC. Guest speakers are integral to these courses. Funding for nine guest speakers was provided by SMC Global Citizenship. *Board Priority I, #1.*

These events are in line with Board Priority I, #1, Implement models of support and instruction that increased student success and decrease equity gaps; Board Priority I, #1 support the ongoing multi-racial and anti-racist work at Santa Monica College; Board Priority I, #2 prioritize addressing systemic barriers that racially minoritized students face in reaching their goals; and Board Priority I, #5 Develop new programs and partnerships relevant to a post pandemic environment.

The onset of the pandemic necessitated the GC committee to reimagine its role in achieving its mission. Programming and offerings were restructured to meet the needs of students and faculty forced to function in unfamiliar remote modalities. Under difficult and unfamiliar circumstances, the GC committee succeeded in offering a series of virtual Study Abroad experiences that helped students learn to overcome challenges, to appreciate differences, and to learn that there are often many ways to solve a problem or to achieve a goal. These skills make stronger candidates for local industries and businesses. With such a diverse population in Southern California, learning to work with and seek out diverse perspectives is an important skill for our Santa Monica College students to develop. As the college returns to normal operations, The GC Committee will once again focus its effort on planning meaningful travel abroad experiences for our students.

GRANTS

Grants Advisory Team. Established in March 2020, the President's Grants Advisory Team (GAT) is comprised of classified, administrative, and faculty members from various departments including Workforce and Economic Development, Health and Wellbeing, Institutional Research, and senior administration, meets on a bi-weekly basis. The main purpose of this committee is to review potential grant opportunities brought forth by SMC faculty and program leads, to ensure fiscal feasibility, and to align all proposed grant opportunities with the SMCCD goals and priorities. The Early Childhood Education Department Chair Gary Huff leads the bi-weekly meetings.

The GAT provides oversight of the grants function to ensure the College's grants queue solely includes grant activities that support the college's mission, vision and goals, strategic initiatives, and other institutional priorities.

The GAT established formal internal processes, including protocols to ensure all necessary department leads are well-informed, and signed off on the potential grant submission. The GAT designed a streamlined, five-step framework to gain institutional support and pre-approval for program grant proposals, prior to submission to a potential funding agency. The digital Grants Approval Process (GAP)

form designed ensures proposed projects are aligned with the College’s priorities and are feasible based on capacity and resources, and have the support required for success once funded.

Staffing. The search for the Director of Grants position is underway and in the final stages of the hiring process. The goal is to have the final candidate submitted for the Board of Trustees approval by the September 2021 meeting. The Director of Grants will report to SMC’s Dean of Institutional Advancement, consolidating the development efforts of the College under the SMC Foundation. Prior to this alignment, the former position (Associate Dean of Grants) reported to the former EVP.

External Services. In the absence of a Director of Grants, and to bridge the hiring gap given the uncertainty of the pandemic, the SMC Foundation entered a one-year, \$75,000 contract with Hanover Research to provide grant seeking services to the SMC Foundation and Santa Monica College. The contract included two months (May and June 2020) of gratis support, and the funded portion of the contract covered FY 2020-21. The contract concluded June 30, 2021.

Hanover Research provided its services on a “queue” or “track” system. The Foundation secured and funded these services in a “two track” contract where one queue supported the Foundation funding activities centered on private and corporate grants with an emphasis in two areas: support for Basic Needs and Early Childhood Lab School’s tuition subsidy program. The second track was utilized by SMC to seek assistance in prospecting and potentially securing external funding through state and federal grants. Drafting grant proposals, and grant program development were additional aspects of the contracted services.

In March 2021, Hanover and GAT leadership presented a grants workshop for faculty and program leads, focused on understanding the essentials of competitive grant proposals. Thirty-three staff members participated in the hour-long live session. In addition to valuable grant materials made available to the institution for our use, along with the recorded workshop for future inquiries and archival purposes. The direct results of the services rendered were di minimis relative to the contracted fee. Thus, SMCF declined renewing the contract for the next fiscal year.

Santa Monica College Grant Activity

Grant Source	Type	Amount	Grant Status	Program Lead	Important Dates	Department
Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS)	Federal	\$1,120,000	Pending	Jeannette Lopez Gary Huff	Submitted 6/1/21	ECE
National Science Foundation Advanced Technology Education Small Grant Program	Federal	\$300,000	Pending submission	Andria P. Denmon	Submission deadline 10/7/21	
Cal Fresh	State	\$124,306	Awarded	Susan Fila		Health & Wellbeing
National Science Foundation	Federal	\$600,000	Pending	Andria P. Denmon	Submitted 5/10/21	
National Science Foundation	Federal	\$102,000	Pending	Kristin Lui-Martinez	Submitted 2/12/21	

SMC Foundation Grant Activity

Grant Source	Type	Amount Requested	Outcome	Amount Secured	Program Support for
Albertson's Company Foundation	Corporate	\$10,000	Secured	\$10,000	Basic Needs Food Security
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	Corporate	\$40,000	Declined	\$0	Basic Needs Food Security
California Community Foundation (CARES Act Funding)	Federal	\$1,100,000	Secured	\$600,000	Basic Needs Food Security
Campbell's Soup Foundation	Corporate	\$10,000	Declined	\$0	Basic Needs Food Security
Carol H. and Kevin W. Sharer Education Foundation	Private	\$344,000	Secured	\$344,000	Transfer Scholarships
Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation	Private	\$50,000	Declined	\$0	Basic Needs Food Security
Co-Opportunity Market Community Fund	Corporate	\$2,500	Secured	\$2,500	Basic Needs Food Security
Eisner Foundation	Private	\$50,000	Declined	\$0	Basic Needs Food Security
Foundation for California Community Colleges (First Responder Scholarships)	State	\$7,100	Secured	\$7,100	Nursing Scholarships
Foundation for California Community Colleges (Osher Scholarships)	State	\$97,200	Secured	\$97,200	Scholarships
Hollywood Foreign Press Association	Corporate	\$55,000	Secured	\$55,000	Film Production; Journalism Program
JIB Fund	Private	\$25,000	Secured	\$25,000	Basic Needs Food Security
LA 2050 Grants Challenge	County	\$100,000	Declined	\$0	Basic Needs Food Security
Lawrence Foundation	Private	\$5,000	Secured	\$5,000	SMCF Annual Fund
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)	County	\$75,000	Secured	\$75,000	Basic Needs Food Security
Michael and Alice Kuhn Family Foundation	Private	\$20,800	Secured	\$20,800	Student Scholarships PPI
Ralphs/Food4Less/Kroger	Corporate	\$10,000	Declined	\$0	Basic Needs Food Security
Ric and Suzanne Kayne Foundation	Private	\$10,000	Secured	\$10,000	Basic Needs Food Security
Robert R. Sprague Family Foundation	Private	\$10,400	Secured	\$10,400	Scholarships for STEM Students

S. Mark Taper Foundation	Private	\$75,000	Under Review	\$0	Basic Needs Food Security
Santa Monica Westside Legacy Fund for Women and Girls	Private	\$60,600	Secured	\$60,600	DREAMER Scholarships for Renewals
Sherwood Family Foundation	Private	\$20,000	Secured	\$20,000	Basic Needs Food Security
Smart & Final	Corporate	\$ 20,000	Declined	\$0	Basic Needs Food Security
Southern California Edison	Public	\$20,000	Secured	\$20,000	STEM Scholarships
We Are Santa Monica Fund	City	\$2,250	Secured	\$2,250	Basic Needs Food Security
	Total Amount Request	\$2,219,850	Total Amount Secured	\$1,364,850	

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

The Office of Institutional Research (IR) supports the mission and the goals of the college by generating accurate, relevant, and timely information to support the assessment, evaluation, and planning of programs, services, grants, and college-wide initiatives. Some of the notable achievements of the Office that supported the 2020-21 Board Goals and Priorities include:

- The fourth year of SMC’s Data Coaching Program (also called the “Equity Avengers Program”) focused explicitly on coaching instructional department chairs in the analyses of racial equity data for their programs and facilitating the intra- and inter-personal work required to advance in each the personal racial equity journeys of each practitioner who participated in this year’s cohort.

The Office of Institutional Research provided research and data support to assess the board’s second goal related to making progress on metrics related to the vision for success, equity plan and redesign, and the Aspen Institute project.

- In Spring 2021, the Office of Institutional Research conducted a qualitative study to deepen the College’s understanding of the factors that facilitate and create barriers for students enrolled in Math 54 + 54 C (elementary statistics with co-requisite support), the transfer-level math course most frequently enrolled by our racially minoritized students, including Black and Latinx students. The math department will use the findings of the study to inform the redesign of the course and the focus of faculty professional development. The study directly supports the College’s efforts in improving our performance on the ASPEN Institute priority metrics that is related to improving the success and closing racial equity gaps in Math 54 + 54C.
- During the 2020-21 academic year, the Office of Institutional Research (IR) successfully implemented the new online data query software, Precision Campus. The data reports and tools on Precision Campus are accessed by employees via a Single Sign-On Portal and allows users to drill down data down to the course section level. The tool helps leaders monitor the progress and success of students in their programs over time and enables users to determine where and for whom equity gaps exist.