

# ARCS Foundation, Inc.

## Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2021

### Members Present via video

- Caron Ogg, President
- Nancy Chambers, Secretary
- Ana Chu, Chair, Council of Presidents
- Jane Dolinger, Chair, Council of Advisors
- Christine Hawes, VP Finance
- Penny Papadopoulos, Parliamentarian
- Andrea Thoreson, VP Philanthropy

### Members Present via Phone

- Linda Their, Treasurer (did not vote)
- Sherry Lundeen, Immediate Past President
- Patty Sparrell, VP Operations

### Members Absent

- None

### Guests Present

- Beth Wainwright

## **I. Call Meeting to Order**

Caron Ogg, ARCS National President and Chair of ARCS National Executive Committee (EC) called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM Eastern Time / 8:05 Pacific Time. The presence of a quorum was confirmed by Penny Papadopoulos, Parliamentarian.

## **II. Special Business**

Caron stated the purpose of the meeting was to approve the following proposed rack card statement for use by the Seattle Chapter.

*ARCS Foundation Seattle Chapter stands in solidarity with the BIPOC and LGBTQ communities. We are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We commit to use our platform as a catalyst to create lasting change.*

Caron gained agreement from EC members that it would be helpful to establish some standard criteria that can be applied to all chapter DEI statements brought before the EC for approval, and discussion followed about process and criteria. Beth Wainwright was called on to share the criteria established by the DEI Task Force when developing the ARCS National DEI statement. The discussion included consideration on whether “Support” or “Not in Conflict with” is the preferred slant for several of the criteria. Opinions differed, but the majority of members preferred “Support.”

After further discussion, motions were made for two resolutions that were approved as follows:

### **Resolution to Establish Consistent Criteria for Approval of Chapter DEI Statements**

WHEREAS ARCS Foundation National wishes to ensure that it objectively evaluates future proposed chapter DEI statements based on consistent criteria;

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RESOLVED that ARCS Foundation National adopts the following criteria by which it will evaluate for approval future chapter DEI statement submissions.

The DEI statements must:

- Be based on values rather than principles
- Be positive
- Be a-political
- Support ARCS mission
- Support ARCS Scholar selection criteria

**Motion: Nancy Chambers; Second Sherry Lundeen; APPROVED**

Discussion ensued regarding whether the proposed Seattle statement complies with the approval criteria. There was agreement among EC members that while it would be desirable for the statement to include the word “science” to more closely comply, it can be considered to support ARCS mission as long as the ARCS mission statement is used with it.

### **Approval of Proposed Seattle Chapter DEI Rack Card Statement**

RESOLVED that the ARCS National Executive Committee approves the following Seattle Chapter Rack Card DEI statement with the request that it be used along with the ARCS mission statement to have full compliance with the DEI statement criteria.

*ARCS Foundation Seattle Chapter stands in solidarity with the BIPOC and LGBTQ communities. We are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We commit to use our platform as a catalyst to create lasting change.*

**Motion: Nancy Chambers; Second: Jane Dolinger; APPROVED**

## **X. Next Executive Committee Meeting**

October 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM Eastern Time

### **Adjournment**

Caron Ogg adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM Eastern Time.