



CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART) was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendance table with columns for months (August to June) and rows for Board members (Cook, Konczal, Mesfin, Awtrey, Wittrup, Nelson, Folmer), Administrators, and Staff (Watson, Bynum, Parker).

MCU [Awtrey/Konczal] to approve the Agenda for April 9, 2024

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [Folmer/Awtrey] to approve the Minutes for March 12, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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1. Summary of CART's Teacher's visit/partnership with UC Merced.

CART Teachers, Angela Thornton, Psychology Lab, Titus Patton, Environmental Science Lab and Luke Tyler, Biomedicine Lab, shared with the Board, CART's florescence microscope. This is a very sophisticated microscope that was designed especially for CART students and staff by UC Merced mentors and partners. Angela, Titus, and Luke have all participated in working with UC Merced mentors on a continued basis in a variety of programs which, have elevated the education and experiences for CART students and teachers. The partnerships they have each developed and maintained are very valuable to CART.

CONSENT AGENDA

MCU [Awtrey/Folmer] to approve the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECK REGISTER

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register
Approve purchase orders from March 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024, warrants numbered: 030724WB; 031424WB; 032124MJ; 032924WB.

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE REQUESTS

1. Approval of Conference Requests
N/A

**APPROVAL OF  
STUDENT  
FIELD TRIPS**

2. Approval of Student Field Trips

Fresno Cherry Auction  
April 23, 2024, *day trip only*  
Attendees: Business Finance Lab  
580004-778-0000-7771-1000-3800-0-60078- -78  
BUS USAGE / CART BUS/FINANCE

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
May 2, 2024  
Attendees: Tech Labs  
580003-640-3550-0816-1000-3817-0-60001- -01  
CART-ROP-PERKINS

**CLOSED  
SESSION**

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N/A

**ACTION**

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N/A

**INFORMATION**

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N/A

**STAFF REPORTS**

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1. C.E.O. Dr. Watson

- A. Dr. Watson extended appreciation to Angela, Titus, and Luke for taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity with the UC Merced Partnership. Everything we have heard suggest they are very excited to work with our teachers and students. We also thank their lab teams for providing them the opportunity to spend the time at UC Merced.
- B. ELA State testing began today at CART. It is a large and unique task to test Juniors from 17 different high schools. Our Dean, Staci Bynum and her team along with our teachers did an amazing job.
- C. CART administration and staff just completed reading, scoring, and awarding Senior Scholarships to our students. Seventy students so far are recipients of a scholarship. The lab teachers are also in the process of nominating students for our Persistence, Spirit and Service awards.
- D. CART Senior Awards night is May 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Please consider attending if possible.
- E. New student family orientation nights were held March 19, 20, and 21, 2024. Each night hosts three to four labs per evening. There was a great turnout of new students and their families, with an average of thirty to forty families attending for each lab on their night. Labs had their current students helping with hands on interactive experiences for the students and families. Students and

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their families who may have been apprehensive, not knowing what to expect, left excited, confident, and looking forward to August. CART Ambassadors were also there to help direct, answer any questions, interpret, and had out new CART student t-shirts.

- F. CART Spring upcoming events include;
  1. CUSD’s Students of Promise will be held tomorrow night. Five CART students will be recognized.
  2. Biotech Lab open house
  3. Multimedia Lab Angel Awards,
  4. Psychology Lab Symposium
  5. ROP Advisory Night
  6. Fresno Compact Luncheon to recognize the partnership of CART with Harris Ranch.
  7. Celebration of Success, Spring Showcase on May 14, 2024.

G. Reminder of the CART Board and Foundation Board Meetings will be help the third week of May, the 21<sup>st</sup>, to accommodate CART Budget information.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Board. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.  
 Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.  
 CART 04.09.24 TC/kp  
 MSCU=*Motion (Board Member making the motion listed), Second (Board Member making the second listed), Carried Unanimously*  
 MSC=*Motion, Second, Carried (Board members voting NO listed.)*  
 MSF=*Motion, Second, Failed (Board members voting NO listed.)*

**ADJOURNMENT**