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**Mission Statement**

Town and Gown of the University of Southern California is a nonprofit philanthropic organization whose purpose is to support USC through scholarships for students, building and campus enhancements, and cultural programs.

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**Board Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Scholarship Vote**  
**July 17, 2020**  
**Zoom Board of Directors Meeting**

*Several Board members had questions about a Scholarship Committee motion emailed on July 13 for an electronic vote. As a result, a Zoom meeting was called so a discussion could take place. Thomas McWhorter, Dean of USC Financial Aid, was invited to give background and explain how his Office handles student scholarships. The motion is as follows:*

**MOTION: We, Ann Palmer and Carol Wright, Scholarship Vice Presidents, move to approve a year's leave of absence to those scholars who, due to viability and concerns surrounding COVID-19 and online learning, request such leave. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.**

**Second: Kathi Nicolard**

**The meeting was recorded on Zoom and sent to Ian Chestnut to upload onto the Board Portal. These are the highlights.**

- Hilary Crahan opened the meeting at 11:05am.
- 28 voting Board members and four Presidents Circle members were present
- Paula Ciaramitaro introduced Dean Thomas McWhorter
- Dean McWhorter gave an update on the Financial Aid policies per COVID-19 and took questions from the Board. He then left the meeting.
- Helaine Lopes, Parliamentarian, read the motion and asked for discussion

- After discussion, Hilary called for a vote.
- The motion passed.
- Meeting ended. (We forgot to ask for a motion to adjourn.)

**Attendees:**

Debra Bradley  
Paula Ciaramitaro  
Hilary Crahan  
Edie Etmekjian  
Elle Feldman  
Carol Fox  
Linda Givvin  
Chris Gregg  
Mary Hall  
Marilou Hamill  
Patti Jamgotchian

Kathie Johnson  
Patti Johnson  
Marilyn Kezirian  
Carol Kroesche  
Becky LaForge  
Helaine Lopes  
D'Arcy McLeod  
Carol Mollett  
Virginia Naeve  
Kathi Nicolard  
Barbara Orechoff

Ann Palmer  
Sara Pfirrmann  
Ayuko Siegel  
Colleen Stroyke  
Bonnie Suffridge  
Linda Swick  
Janyce Teasley  
Laurie Hunter Tiedemann  
Deborah Wong  
Carol Wright

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Patti Johnson**  
**Secretary**  
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