



FOOTHILL-DE ANZA
Community College District

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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Board meeting of Oct. 2, 2017

SOME HEADLINES

Trustees considered or approved:

- Flint Center garage costs
- New Eco Pass contract
- Foothill Facilities Master Plan update
- New courses at De Anza for 2018-19
- New hires, promotions, assignments and retirements

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BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Board report

Board President **Laura Casas** reported on activities of the Community College League of California's Trustee Board, on which she serves. She said the board unanimously supports continuing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and spoke about a statewide effort to create more structure for students through the Guided Pathways Project. She reported that recommendations to state Chancellor **Eloy Oakley** are expected shortly for creating a 115th, fully online community college.

Commenting on the online college, Chancellor **Judy Miner** said that she and Vice Chancellor of Technology **Joe Moreau** have submitted an idea for it that focuses on competency-based education, a radical departure from traditional instructional delivery. She said this approach would not compete with community colleges' existing online programs. Vice Chancellor Moreau noted that both he and **Jory Hadsell**, executive director of the statewide Online Education Initiative that the district leads, serve on the 17-member working group charged with identifying options for the online college. Gov. Jerry Brown asked the state chancellor to create a fully online college to serve adults with vocational needs.

INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Flint Center garage

The board approved approximately \$132,000 in change orders covering additional construction monitoring, inspection and testing services for the Flint Center garage

renovation and a \$776,039 change order for additional construction that was needed to address unforeseen conditions and improve the parking structure's long-term performance.

Responding to questions from Trustees **Pearl Cheng** and **Gilbert Wong**, Vice Chancellor McElroy said the final cost of the project would not be known until later this year but likely would run a little over the project's \$30 million budget. That amount includes about \$4 million for parking mitigations such as providing parking services, converting playing fields to parking and then returning them to playing fields.

After embarking on a smaller seismic renovation, the district discovered several years ago that the Flint garage needed a major seismic retrofit. The initial amount budgeted fell far short of what was needed for the more extensive seismic work, Vice Chancellor McElroy said, so the district had to fund the project using a combination of sources: \$22 million from certificates of participation, which will be paid off over 20 years; about \$4 million from state mandated-cost reimbursement funds the district received in 2015-16; and remaining Measure C bond money that was earmarked for the project.

Responding to a question from Faculty Association President **Tim Shively**, he said the \$776,039 construction change order would be covered by the General Fund using proceeds from the sale of certificates of participation.

Vice Chancellor McElroy said that the cost overruns, which amount to just over 11 percent of the value of the construction contract, would be high for new construction but are within the norm of 10-15 percent for renovations. Given all the complications and challenges, he said, he considers the project a success. He noted that the renovated garage should last more than 30 years. He praised **Steve Kitchen**, the district's executive director of facilities and operations, and **Tom Armstrong**, bond program director, for close oversight of the contractor and battling to keep costs down. De Anza President **Brian Murphy** added **Pam Grey**, associate vice president of operations at De Anza, to the list of people whose efforts contributed to reopening of the garage in time for the first day of classes. Trustees expressed appreciation to the staff members for their good work.

Eco Pass contract

The board approved a contract for up to \$420,775 with the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to fund Eco Pass transit passes for all eligible students at Foothill and De Anza. Earlier this year the VTA board raised the rate from \$9 to \$20 per pass, plus a \$3 Clipper Eco Pass card fee. This fall, student bodies at both colleges will vote on whether to approve increasing the mandatory Eco Pass fee for all students, which subsidizes the program. The contract the board approved will ensure that students have access to the Eco Pass program in fall 2017.

Facilities Master Plan update

Trustees approved updates to the Foothill College Facilities Master Plan. One change calls for addressing shortcomings of the Student Services Building in the lower campus through enhancements to the building rather than relocating student support services to the center of the upper campus.

New De Anza courses for 2018-19

The board approved two-dozen new courses at De Anza for 2018-19 including cloud security fundamentals; energy, the environment and society; environmental resource management and pollution prevention laboratory; utopian/dystopian literature; introduction to multimedia reporting; and many new honors courses focused on literature and cinema as well as electronic media, economics, and human sexuality. Trustees also approved more than a dozen new

standalone courses in automotive technology, design and manufacturing, and educational access.

Approved international travel

Trustees accepted the chancellor's report on approved international travel for the following employees, supported by professional and conference funds unless otherwise noted: at Foothill, **Eric Johnson**, KFJC radio station coordinator, to Reykjavik, Iceland, Sept. 10-28 for live broadcast and internet streaming of international music festivals (KFJC Foundation funding) and **Meredith Heiser Duron**, political science instructor, to Berlin, Germany, Sept. 21-26 for the International Association for the Study of German Politics Elections Trip. Board Policy 4176 requires that the chancellor report all approved international travel requests to the Board of Trustees

Audit & Finance Committee membership

The board received a report from Vice Chancellor **Kevin McElroy** about plans to solicit community members to serve on the board's Audit & Finance Committee to replace **Dexter Dawes**, whose term expires at the end of the year. He asked trustees to pass along the names of anyone who might be interested, and noted that Mr. Dawes, whose background is in finance, served the committee well over two terms.

Foothill Parking Lots 5 & 6

Trustees approved a contract with Noll and Tam Architects for completion of pre-design and construction drawings and other architectural consulting services related to the expansion of Parking Lots 5 & 6 at Foothill College. The project involves removing the "Temporary Village" modular buildings between the two lots and making improvements including grading, paving, striping, emergency phones, site lighting and signs.

Construction management contract

The board approved the extension through Dec. 31, 2018, of a construction management agreement with Gilbane Building Co. and MAAS Cos. to provide a senior project manager for Measure C bond projects and to handle the financial "closing out" work as Measure C winds down.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Administrator actions

Trustees ratified the employment of **Christopher Warren** as dean of equity and inclusion at Foothill College, effective Sept. 22; the resignation of **Oxana Pantchenko** as director of Foothill's Science Learning Institute, effective Sept. 30; and the extension of the interim assignment of **Gina Bailey** in Central Services as director of purchasing through Dec. 31.

Faculty employment

Trustees ratified employment at Foothill College for **Lisa Hills** as director of clinical education and respiratory therapy instructor, effective Sept. 18, and the temporary employment at De Anza of **Hyon Chu Yi-Baker** as director of College Life effective Sept. 18.

Responding to a question from Faculty Association President **Tim Shively**, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources **Dorene Novotny** said that the College Life position at De Anza was filled under a temporary employment provision so that a full recruitment could take place in the fall after faculty returned to campus.

Faculty retirements

The board ratified or approved three De Anza retirements – Counselor **David Coleman**, effective Sept. 15, 2017, after 27 years; **Karl Schaffer**, De Anza mathematics instructor, under Article 19 of the Faculty Association contract, effective June 30, 2017, after almost 28 years; and **Cynthia Lee-Klawender**, computer information systems instructor, effective June 29, 2018, after almost 18 years.

Classified employment

The board ratified employment for **Lisa Kersman** as an office assistant and **Darwin Giovanni Supnet** as an administrative assistant I, both in Student Services at De Anza.

Classified promotions

Trustees ratified the promotions at Foothill of **Kelaiah Harris** and **Lisa Ly** as instructional services coordinators and at De Anza of **Margarita Hawthorn** to program coordinator for the Extended Year program in Community Education.

Classified retirements & resignations

The board approved the retirements at De Anza of **Alejandro Lambruschini**, bookstore shipping and receiving assistant, effective Dec. 30 after 26 years, and **Ellen Lyon**, accounts payable supervisor in Central Services, effective Dec. 29 after almost 32 years.

Trustees approved or ratified the resignations of the following individuals - **Jazmine Garcia** at Foothill and **Aaron Baker**, **Lilith Krueger-Gilka**, **Ashley Phillips**, and **Stevie Walsh** at De Anza.

Classified reclassifications

The board ratified the reclassification of **Rodolfo Leal** as grounds gardener III in Central Services.

REPORTS & HEARINGS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(Board members cannot discuss items that are not placed in advance on the agenda.)

Presidents' comments

Foothill College President **Thuy Nguyen** and De Anza College President **Brian Murphy** reported on their college Opening Days, welcoming back students and visiting their Academic Senates. President Nguyen noted that Foothill's football team is undefeated for the season, 5-0, and that the Associated Students of Foothill College celebrated the college's 60th anniversary with cake and balloons. She complimented the leadership of Academic Senate President **Isaac Escoto**.

Chancellor's comments

Chancellor **Judy Miner** commended De Anza College for its Opening Day, particularly the student panel. She reported on a well-attended community launch of the Foothill College Early College Promise and The De Anza Promise on Sept. 27 at the Sunnyvale Center. The event featured guest speaker **Martha Kanter**, a former district chancellor and under secretary of education who is leading the national College Promise Campaign. Chancellor Miner said that she, Foothill President **Thuy Nguyen** and De Anza Associate Vice President **Rob Mieso** attended a meeting called by UC Santa Cruz Chancellor **George Blumenthal** to discuss ways to increase student transfers from Bay Area community colleges to UCSC. As part of a statewide DACA Advocacy Week initiated by state Chancellor **Eloy Oakley**, the chancellor said she is scheduling visits for later this month with U.S. Reps. **Anna Eshoo** and

Ro Khanna to discuss reinstatement of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. She also noted that six districts including Foothill-De Anza have joined the Community College League of California and the California Community Colleges by signing onto litigation over threats to deny federal funds, including financial aid, to jurisdictions that declare as sanctuary cities and counties.

During accreditation team visits to the colleges and district Oct. 9-12, she said that team members would meet for conversation with trustees but not with a quorum of the board, which would require opening the meeting to the public. She added that trustees and senior staff are discouraged from attending the teams' open forums at the colleges to encourage open communication. She urged board members to attend the welcome receptions for the visiting teams and their exit reports.

Responding to a question from Trustee **Pearl Cheng**, the chancellor said that a scheduled ramp closure for an El Monte exits from I-280 does not appear to be affecting student access to Foothill College at this time.

Board members' comments

De Anza Student Trustee **Elias Kamal** reported on a recent De Anza Associated Student Body (DASB) retreat that focused on equity. It was led by staff member and community activist **Tony Santa Ana**, who invited him to co-facilitate. He said the student leaders learned about equity, social and emotional intelligence, leadership and empathy and discussed the idea of possible structural changes within DASB. He expressed appreciation for participation at the retreat of **Hyon Chu Yi-Baker** the college's new director of College Life. He reported that HEFAS (Higher Education for AB 540 Students) has moved to a larger and more visible office in the East Cottage and that more students are coming in and gaining access to resources.

Foothill Student Trustee **Chinwe Idika** congratulated Trustee **Gilbert Wong** on his recent election as one of three new at-large members of the Board of Directors of the Association of Community College Trustees, a national leadership position. She expressed pride in The Script, Foothill's new student newspaper, which produced its first printed edition in time for the start of the fall quarter. She said that the paper, which also publishes online (<https://foothillscript.com>), has been very well received on campus. She asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of the victims of the Las Vegas massacre.

Trustee **Gilbert Wong** thanked fellow trustees and the chancellor for supporting his nomination to the ACCT board. He said he particularly appreciated the opportunity at the organization's Annual Leadership Congress in Las Vegas to learn more about accreditation, DACA and California's Guided Pathways Program.

Board President **Laura Casas** complimented Chancellor Judy Miner on District Opening Day and the focus on equity. She commented on concerns expressed at a recent western region meeting of the Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials about DACA students and a dip in Latino administrative leadership. She noted that California Community Colleges Chancellor **Eloy Oakley** attended the meeting and discussed his efforts to increase student success students through guided pathways. She congratulated Chancellor **Judy Miner** on being appointed to the Community College League of California's Advisory Committee on Legislation and Trustee Gilbert Wong on his election to the ACCT board.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned in memory of victims of the Las Vegas massacre and people suffering in Puerto Rico after a devastating hurricane.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is a study session at 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6, 2017, in the Toyon Room of the Foothill College Campus Center, followed by a regular board meeting at 6 p.m. in the same location. Please check the agenda to verify the time and location of the meeting.

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