

Board meeting of April 1, 2013

SOME HEADLINES

Trustees approved or reviewed:

- Teacher training in the Philippines
- Health benefit plan changes for 2014
- An architect for De Anza's library renovation
- Plan changes for the ATC
- New hires, new positions and professional growth awards

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INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Foundation report: Trustee **Joan Barram** reported on a presentation to the Foothill-De Anza Foundation board by De Anza student **Maily Ramos** on the challenges facing undocumented students pursuing higher education, and her own life and goals at De Anza College. She said the foundation has raised \$3.1 million toward its \$4.4 million goal for the fiscal year ending June 30.

Teacher training in Philippines: The board approved a contract between Foothill College and the Philippine government for a customized training program for 4,000 Philippine educators in the use of technology to transform teaching and student learning. Developed and delivered by Foothill's Krause Center for Innovation, the nine-month training program includes instructional practices as well as curriculum and courseware development focusing on the country's national STEM curriculum. The district's contract education office is managing the program. The Philippine Department of Trade and Industry also is a partner.

Bond Oversight Committee appointments: Trustees approved the reappointment of **William Dietz**, senior citizens organization representative, and **Susan Silver**, at-large representative, each for a two-year term on the Measure C Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Trustees noted that the terms of four committee members expire next year and they are not eligible for reappointment.

Health benefits plan changes for 2014: The board approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the district and its five unions on changes to health insurance benefits for 2014. The changes include projected increases in employee/retiree contributions to meet rising monthly premium costs. The district will maintain its average contribution of \$976 per employee per month in 2014. The Medical Benefits Rate Stabilization Fund (Fund 600) will cover the difference in the full cost of the monthly premium that remains after the

monthly contribution by the district and the employee/retiree.

The MOU was achieved by the Joint Labor Management Benefits Committee (JLMBC), which includes representation from all employee groups and retirees. The terms of the MOU are subject to ratification by all bargaining units.

Board President **Betsy Bechtel** joined Vice Chancellor **Dorene Novotny** in expressing appreciation for the work of the Joint Labor Management Benefits Committee. Vice Chancellor Novotny said the group worked through complex and challenging issues, with their attendant competing interests, and reached consensus.

Authorization to issue notes: Trustees authorized the issuance of tax and revenue anticipation notes (TRANS) to ease any cash flow problems in 2013-14. Vice Chancellor of Business Services **Kevin McElroy** said he doesn't anticipate the need, but said it could arise if the state enacts more revenue deferrals for community colleges.

De Anza library renovation: The board approved an agreement with Noll & Tam Architects for renovation of the library at De Anza. The project includes upgrades of mechanical and electrical infrastructure and finishes, plus space reconfiguration consistent with modern library use, said **Charles Allen**, district executive director of facilities, operations and construction management.

Change order for ATC renovation: Trustees discussed and approved a change order for work by Sundt Construction on the Advanced Technology Center renovation project at De Anza. Changes in use of the space have occurred since the original planning due to elimination of the Computer Applications and Office Systems program. As a result, the Creative Arts Division is being consolidated on the building's first floor, and Learning Resources and the Language Arts lab will be located on the third floor.

HUMAN RESOURCES & PERSONNEL

Administrative appointments and positions: The board ratified the appointment of **Naziko Galoyan** as acting registrar of Foothill College through April 30, and approved creation of a new position at Foothill, dean of enrollment services.

New faculty hires: Trustees approved hiring of instructors **Jeffrey Anderson** and **Sarah Williams**, both in PSME at Foothill, effective Sept. 19, 2013.

Classified employment: The board approved employment for **Sabrina Porter** as administrative assistant in Adaptive Learning at Foothill, effective April 1.

Classified retirements: Trustees approved the retirements of Central Services employees **Christine Flieman**, executive assistant in Operations, effective May 14, and **Raymond Sarria**, employment services technician in Human Resources, effective June 29.

New classified positions: The board ratified new classified positions of accommodations coordinator in Adaptive Learning and student success specialist in Counseling & Student Services, both at Foothill, and human resources specialist, recruitment and employment, in Central Services.

Professional growth awards: Trustees approved professional growth awards for the following individuals – at Foothill, **Becki Di Gregorio**, division administrative assistant,

Business & Social Sciences; **Ach'Sah Harris**, furniture fixtures and equipment coordinator; and **Patricia Wood**, cashiering services coordinator; At De Anza, **Mary Clark-Tillman**, curriculum coordinator; **Jeffrey Dickard**, senior degree audit specialist; **Lois Jenkins**, program coordinator, marketing & communications; **Ellen Mann**, instructional associate, special education; **Christine Nakahara**, sign language interpreter; **Angelita Pabros**, division administrative assistant, Counseling; **Atousa Pojhan**, admissions and records assistant; **Ryan Tao**, athletic trainer; And in Central Services, **John Bartch**, computer systems integration specialist, and **Irma Rodarte**, senior programmer analyst, both with ETS.

REPORTS & HEARINGS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments: Retired Foothill faculty member **William Tinsley** spoke about his long history with the district and the value of part-time faculty before introducing his wife. Part-time Foothill faculty member **Barbara Tinsley** presented the board with her background and credentials, saying that she wished to introduce herself to the board in advance of a grievance meeting.

Palo Alto resident **Terry Terman** spoke about his experience taking on an online driver education class. He said it opened his eyes to how much online education has improved.

Presidents' comments: Foothill President Miner distributed a press release on educational training in the Philippines being delivered by Krause Center for Innovation through the district contract education office.

Chancellor's comments: Chancellor **Linda Thor** congratulated **Chien Shih**, director of information systems and operations, for receiving a 2013 Technology Excellence Award from the Chief Information Systems Officers Association of the California Community Colleges. The recognition is for his work implementing the Banner system on schedule and under budget.

She reported that a celebration of the life of founding board member **Robert Smithwick** is scheduled for 2 p.m. April 19 in Smithwick Theatre, and commented on a successful presentation about the district by Trustee **Pearl Cheng** to the Cupertino City Council.

Trustee comments: Trustee Barram congratulated President Miner for her recent honor by Hillel as a Pillar of the Community and De Anza mathematics instructor **Barbara Illowsky** for her selection for an international award from the OpenCourseWare Consortium for creating an open statistics textbook used by more than 20 colleges. She said she was impressed and moved by a video of De Anza College students testifying about the importance of CalGrants at a recent Assembly committee hearing. She commented on participation by the Silicon Valley business community in providing paid internships to students in the YearUp program that recently launched at Foothill.

De Anza Student Trustee **Vince Mendoza** reported on meeting with legislators in Sacramento during the March in March and participating in a League for Innovation conference in Dallas where he was part of a presentation on civic and community engagement.

Trustee **Bruce Swenson** reported on his impressions of the Foothill and De Anza students he met while serving on a scholarship committee for the Rotary Club of Palo Alto. He said many of these impressive students from Foothill's sonography program and De Anza's auto technology program had overcome tremendous odds on the way to achieving academic success.

Trustee **Laura Casas** spoke of her affection and appreciation for Dr. Smithwick and President Bechtel described his philanthropic work through the Rotary Club of Palo Alto.

Foothill Student Trustee **Antonia Zavala** reported on the activities of the new United Nations Club organized by **Sarah Schueler**, vice president of organizations for the Associated Students of Foothill College.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, May 13 at 6 p.m. in the District Board Room. Agendas generally are posted 72 hours in advance at http://www.fhda.edu/about_us/board/agenda/. Please check the agenda to verify time and location of the meeting.

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