

Board meeting of June 17, 2013

SOME HEADLINES

Trustees reviewed or approved:

- The chancellor's performance
- Awarding of Trustee Scholarship
- A revised mission statement for Foothill College
- A Tentative Budget for 2013-14
- Faculty employment and administrator appointments
- Professional development leaves

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INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Chancellor's performance review: The board reported from closed session that it had completed its annual performance review of the chancellor. "We are very pleased to have Linda Thor as our chancellor," said board President **Betsy Bechtel**.

Trustee Scholarship recognition: Trustees **Laura Casas** and **Pearl Cheng**, members of the board's scholarship committee, announced that **Yanitsa Mihaylova** has been selected to receive the Trustee Scholarship for a student from Foothill College. Trustee Cheng noted that Yanitsa has been active in student government and excels in academics while also working part-time. A business administration major, her goal is to pursue a business degree at UC Berkeley. Trustee Cheng commented on Yanitsa's appreciation for her family and opportunities she's had at Foothill and in the United States since arriving here with her family from Bulgaria 10 years ago. Trustees recognized **Andy Ngo**, the De Anza scholarship recipient, at their June 3 meeting. The Trustee Scholarship was created in 2003 and is funded by current and former elected trustees.

Revised mission statement: Trustees approved a revised mission statement for Foothill College: Foothill College offers educational excellence to diverse students seeking transfer, career preparation and enhancement, and basic skills mastery. We are committed to innovation, ongoing improvement, accessibility, and serving our community.

Tentative Budget approval: The board approved a tentative budget for 2013-14. Vice Chancellor **Kevin McElroy** reported that the 2013-14 tentative budget projects a \$3.1 million structural deficit, lower than in the recent past in part because of increased state funding for the first time in years, an increase in revenue from non-resident student enrollment and

decreases in expenses, including position eliminations that take effect this month. The district will cover the structural deficit with the Stability Fund, projected to stand at \$10.6 million in 2013-14. This will allow enough time to see if the enrollment trend improves and to plan for next steps if it doesn't. For every 100 FTES (full-time-student equivalents) of enrollment restored, the district's revenue increases by \$450,000, Vice Chancellor McElroy said. Conversely, if enrollment drops beyond current levels, the budget deficit could increase. He said that enrollment decline is now the most significant contributor to the district's structural deficit, and that rebuilding enrollment will continue as a major focus.

HUMAN RESOURCES & PERSONNEL

Faculty employment: Trustees approved the employment of **Predrag Miskin** as a nursing instructor at De Anza, effective Sept. 19.

Administrator appointments: The board ratified **Bernata Slater** as vice president of educational resources at Foothill College; approved **Joni Hayes Lamprey** as interim director of budget operations for the district through Oct. 31; and extended **Gina Bailey** as the district's interim director of purchasing services through Aug. 31.

Professional development leaves: The board approved the following De Anza faculty members for professional development leaves during 2013-14: **Wilfredo Castano, Carmen Lizardi-Folley, Craig Norman, Paula Silva** and **Sandra Spencer**.

REPORTS & HEARINGS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Staff comments: **Karen Chow** reported that it was her last board meeting as De Anza's Academic Senate president; however, she is moving into the position of district Academic Senate president. She introduced her successor at De Anza, child development instructor **Mayra Cruz**. Foothill Academic Senate President **Dolores Davison** reported on the annual statewide faculty leadership institute she attended with faculty member **Isaac Escoto**, who is succeeding **Carolyn Holcroft** as the Foothill senate's vice president and curriculum chair.

Foothill Classified Senate President **Erin Clifford Ortiz**, participating in her last meeting as senate president, reported on attending the annual statewide leadership institute for classified senate members co-sponsored with the Community College League of California. She noted that Foothill's **Maureen Chenoweth**, president-elect of the statewide senate, co-chaired the conference and that Foothill's **Karen Smith** served as a master of ceremonies for the awards banquet along with **Mike Magee**, director of governmental relations, and **LeBaron Woodyard**, dean of academic affairs, both from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

Presidents' comments: Expressing pride in their accomplishments, De Anza President **Brian Murphy** noted that 125 De Anza students to date had been awarded scholarships worth more than \$135,000 from 67 different scholarships funds. He also reported that two students singled out De Anza speech instructor **Donna Stasio** in a national video that features students talking about teachers who have affected their lives. (See it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC-ZOVsNgxs>).

President Murphy said he is looking forward to welcoming keynote speaker **Jose Antonio Vargas** to campus for commencement on June 29, just a week after the premiere of Vargas' "Documented", a documentary film he wrote and co-directed about his experiences. A former

Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for the Washington Post (and graduate of Mountain View High School), Vargas announced his status as an undocumented immigrant in a story he wrote for the New York Times Magazine two years ago, and concurrently launched Define America, a campaign to elevate the national conversation around immigration. Read his biography at <http://www.deanza.edu/graduation/2013keynote.html>

Foothill President **Judy Miner** reported that Foothill speech instructor **Preston Ni** was a presenter at the Stanford Human Rights Education Initiative (SHREI) Symposium earlier this month. He spoke about using the human rights media project in his communications classes, and five of his students also made a presentation. His lesson plan, as well as those of two other SHREI fellows from Foothill College, can be seen at <http://shrei.stanford.edu/node/467>. SHREI is a collaboration between Stanford and California community college faculty to increase human rights education.

Chancellor's comments: Chancellor Thor reported that she and President Murphy would be interviewed Tuesday night, June 18, on "The CEO Show" on KLIV radio, 590 AM. She said the interview would be rebroadcast Sunday at 3 p.m. and later posted as a podcast on the website of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

Trustee comments: De Anza Student Trustee **Anita Adams** distributed a flier for HEFAS (Higher Education for AB 540 Students). She reported on the organization's recognition ceremony and grand opening as well as its work in support of students, particularly those who are undocumented students. The program aims to provide book loans, peer advisors and access to other helpful resources.

Trustee **Bruce Swenson** reported on attending an impressive end-year celebration of the Disability Support Programs & Services at De Anza. He commented on remarks made by **Jeff Macias**, the alumni guest speaker, and noted that almost all the 2013 graduates at the ceremony were transferring to four-year universities, including UC Davis, UC San Diego, Barnard College, and a number of CSU campuses.

President Bechtel reported on attending Math Performance Success and Listening and Speaking Center celebrations at De Anza, as well as accompanying the chancellor to a meeting of Assembly member **Rich Gordon's** higher education advisory council. She also reported on a presentation by **Michael Kirst**, president of the California State Board of Education and a Stanford education professor emeritus, to the Rotary Club of Palo Alto about the new funding formula for K-12 schools and implementation of Common Core State Standards, which she said will close the curriculum gap between K-12 and postsecondary schools.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, July 1 at 6 p.m. in 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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