

Board meeting of Aug. 6, 2012

SOME HEADLINES

Trustees approved or reviewed:

- A “green” automotive training program
- Three new transfer degrees
- New building projects and renovations
- Professional achievement awards for faculty
- New hires, appointments and retirements
- A new ACE agreement
- Professional growth awards for classified staff

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INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Campus sculpture: The board ratified an agreement with Bay Area artist **James Moore** for a stainless steel sculpture to be installed in the courtyard of the new Physical Sciences & Engineering Center at Foothill College. Responding to trustees’ questions, President **Judy Miner** explained that the sculpture is being funded through donations.

Green automotive training: Trustees approved a funding agreement for a state employment training program offered through Foothill-De Anza to train independent repair and fleet automotive technicians to work on electric and hybrid vehicles, electric charging stations and natural gas vehicles. The program is the result of a partnership between De Anza’s Automotive Technology Program and the Silicon Valley company Green Transportation Workforce Development. There is no cost to Foothill-De Anza associated with the program.

New transfer degrees: The board approved Foothill’s application to the state Chancellor’s Office to offer associate degrees for transfer in English, history and mathematics. Transfer degrees are intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor’s degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Transfer degrees guarantee admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus or major.

Professional achievement awards: Trustees approved PAAs for 2012-13 for the following Foothill faculty: **Robert Cormia**, engineering; **Tess Hansen**, English; **Meredith Heiser**, political science; **Ron Herman**, photography; **Kay Jones**, library; **Phuong Lam**, mathematics; **Londa Larson**, chemistry; **Eta Lin**, psychology; **Kent Manske**, art; **Natalia Menendez**, English; **Cara Miyasaki**, dental assisting; **Preston Ni**, communication studies; **Sara Seyedin**, accounting; **Loretta Silverman**, mathematics, **Patricia Gibbs Sayte**, sociology; **Shawn Townes**, communications

studies; **Anita Whitehill**, computer & information systems; and **Russell Wong**, adaptive learning.

Board priorities: Trustees approved board priorities for 2012-13 and steps to achieve them. The priorities include keeping the focus on student access and individual student success; ensuring that district facilities are modern and effective learning and working spaces; maintaining fiscal stability and solvency; and ensuring that planning is integrated and progressing.

Agreement with ACE: Trustees approved a three-year agreement with the Association of Classified Employees. Board President Barram thanked those individuals who worked hard to achieve it.

New Measure C projects: **Shirley Treanor**, Foothill's vice president of educational resources, and **Art Heinrich**, director of Foothill's bond program, presented an overview of two new construction projects: a Scene Shop to be built behind the Smithwick Theatre and a Print Shop and Plant Services facility that will replace the modular buildings next to the Krause Center for Innovation. Theatre Arts faculty member **Bruce McLeod** said the new stand-alone Scene Shop means that scenery will no longer have to be built in place, which will free up space for other uses in the Smithwick and Lohman theatres. Vice President Treanor said these are the last new construction projects at Foothill funded through Measure C. The board approved the designs that were presented.

ATC renovation: Trustees gave the go-ahead to pursue an agreement with Sundt Construction for preconstruction services for renovation of the Advanced Technology Center at De Anza. In response to questions from the board, district Executive Director of Facilities, Operations and Construction Management **Charles Allen** said he has been pleased with other projects under the lease-leaseback process being used in this case. He said district has developed a well-defined process for selecting contractors using this approach.

Foothill Library renovation: The board approved an agreement for consultant services with Ratcliff Architects for renovation of Foothill's library. President Miner said that Foothill is reshaping the library as a learning resource center where tutoring and other support services will be available to students, along with space for group learning and other activities. She said the college is moving away from the idea of having heritage rooms scattered around campus and instead plans to have permanent and rotating library exhibits tied to campus heritage months. She said that materials from the Chinese Heritage Room will be preserved and incorporated into the renovated library and that room will be reconfigured to make it more flexible for different kinds of learning activities. She noted that faculty members are leading the effort to reshape the library.

HUMAN RESOURCES & PERSONNEL

Administrator appointments: Trustees ratified the appointments of **Teresa Ong** as director of Disabled Student Services at Foothill College and **Coleen Lee-Wheat** as division dean of Physical Education and Athletics at De Anza College.

Interim assignments: The board ratified the assignment of **Bret Watson** as interim director of budget and personnel at De Anza through Sept. 30 and the extension of **Glenn Violett's** assignment as interim dean of Business and Social Sciences at Foothill through Dec. 31.

Faculty retirements: The board ratified the retirement of **Ernest Johnson**, an instructor in Business and Computer Science at De Anza, under Article 19 of the Faculty Association contract, effective June 2012, and approved the retirement of **Susanne Chan**, a counselor to international students at De Anza, under Articles 19 and 20, effective June 2013.

Full-time faculty employment: The board approved the hiring of the following full-time faculty: at Foothill, **David Huseman** in the paramedic program, and at De Anza, **Caecelia Deck** as Language Arts instructor; **Mark Healy** and **Monika Thomas** as Social Sciences & Humanities instructors; and **Simon Kang'a**, **Reza Majlesi** and **Maureen Miramontes** as instructors in Biological Health Environmental Sciences & Workforce Education, all effective Sept. 20.

The board ratified the hiring of **Hung Nguyen** as a counselor for the Asian American and Native Pacific Islander program at De Anza.

Professional growth awards: Trustees approved PGAs for the following classified employees: at Foothill, **Brenda Davis** in Adaptive Learning, **Nick Muntean** in Educational Resources, and **Mrinmaie Deshpande** and **Stephanie Franco** in Student Services; at De Anza, **Tamara Ehle** in Educational Resources, **Max Gilleland** in Business/Computer Systems, **Norma Johnstone** and **Larry Bloom** in Special Education, and **Duc Nguyen** in College Services; and in Central Services, **Christine Smith** in District Safety & Security.

REPORTS & HEARINGS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comments: Palo Alto resident **Terry Terman** suggested a future board discussion about various tax initiatives on the Nov. 6 statewide ballot and their potential impact on the district. He also expressed concern about the possible closure of City College of San Francisco resulting from actions by the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges, and how that might affect neighboring districts. He said he worries that costs associated with high-speed rail in California will divert funding from K-12 and higher education.

Trustee **Laura Casas Frier** noted that the statewide trustees advisory board of the Community College League of California has endorsed the governor's funding initiative, Proposition 30, which attempts to move California toward financial stability and adequate funding for public services including higher education. The statewide trustee board did not take a position on Proposition 38, the **Molly Munger** initiative that would raise taxes to fund K-12 education but not higher education or other public services. Board President **Joan Barram** said she expects the board will discuss the November initiatives in the coming months.

Staff comments: Faculty Association President **Rich Hansen** reported that faculty are concerned about the way the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges deals with institutions that are facing problems, as exemplified by the commission's dealings with City College of San Francisco. He said the statewide Consultation Council is discussing whether to ask the state Chancellor's Office to revive a task force that was formed two years ago to address concerns about the ACCJC.

Presidents' comments: Foothill President Miner thanked Trustee Casas Frier for attending the recent open house showcasing the summer academies that Foothill offered this summer in partnership with the Central County Occupational Center. The academies

offer training in child development, business/entrepreneurship and emergency medical technician training and 12 to 17 units of college credit.

De Anza Vice President of Instruction **Christina Espinosa-Pieb**, sitting in for President **Brian Murphy**, reported that programs have begun moving into the Media & Learning Center in preparation for its fall 2012 opening. She invited trustees to attend the Summer Bridge for Foster Youth celebration later in the week and announced that De Anza mathematics faculty member **Barbara Illowsky** has been selected by the state Chancellor's Office to serve as Basic Skills Initiative coordinator for the state during 2012-13. She reported that De Anza is one of four community colleges nationwide to receive a grant from the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund. The grant will allow for the awarding of 50 scholarships of \$2,500 to \$5,000 for 2012-13 to degree-seeking students of Asian American and Pacific Islander descent who attend De Anza full time.

Chancellor's comments: Chancellor **Linda Thor** thanked President Miner for serving as acting chancellor during her recent absence and noted that the board is making a presentation the following week to the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District Board of Trustees.

Trustee comments: Foothill Student Trustee **Antonia Zavala** reported that students are planning a political awareness week Oct. 10 and plan to be involved in the November election process. De Anza Student Trustee **Vince Mendoza** reported on some of the recent projects of LEAD, Latino/a Empowerment at De Anza, which he described as one of many great organizations on campus. He noted that De Anza students are gearing up for the November election in support of Proposition 30.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 27 in the district Board Room. A study session is scheduled from 1-4 p.m. followed by a business meeting at 6 p.m. 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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