

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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### Board meeting of Aug. 8, 2011

#### THE HEADLINES (details below)

##### The Board of Trustees approved or authorized:

- Onizuka Air Force Station as the preferred site for an education center
- The start of negotiations with classified employee groups
- A change in the food service provider for Foothill College
- New hires and professional growth awards

#### BOARD BUSINESS

**Education center update:** After meeting in closed session, board **President Pearl Cheng** announced that trustees had selected the former Onizuka Air Force Station in Sunnyvale as the preferred site for construction of a new education center. The board directed the administration to take steps toward possibly acquiring the land using a public benefit conveyance process. This would allow the district to obtain the property essentially for free from the federal government.

Trustees cited the unique opportunity to acquire the 9.6-acre property at virtually no cost; its proximity to highways, public transportation and areas of population growth; and its visibility and location in a dynamic and growing part of Sunnyvale. Cost to the district is estimated at approximately \$5 million to clear and prepare the site for construction. The education center project would be funded through the district's 2006 Measure C bond.

**Sunnyvale Mayor Melinda Hamilton** and **Vice Mayor Jim Griffith** were present at the meeting and expressed enthusiasm for having Foothill-De Anza operate an education center in their community. The district must complete due diligence on the site before a transaction could take place, and the Sunnyvale City Council, acting as the Onizuka Local Redevelopment Authority, must amend the Onizuka redevelopment and reuse plan to identify an educational center as the preferred use. Foothill-De Anza could then move forward with an application to the U.S. Department of Education for a public benefit conveyance.

The Onizuka site is located in the Moffett Business Park, home to such companies as Juniper Networks, Yahoo and Network Appliance. Google recently announced it plans to lease 26.5 acres there. The other property the board considered was 10 acres at 895 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale, which a joint venture of Orchard Partners/Lane Partners offered in a "build to suit" arrangement. Cost to the district of that property was approximately \$16 million.

The current Middlefield Campus education center operates in rented facilities at Cubberley Center in Palo Alto and there is no apparent opportunity to purchase land

there. A relocated education center would continue under Foothill's administration but would be available to house course offerings from both Foothill and De Anza. The new center is being planned with the intent of leveraging partnerships with other colleges and universities, high schools, regional occupational programs, community-based organizations, local government, business and industry. Foothill is working with Mission College on opportunities to collaborate at the Onizuka site.

## INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

**Opening of negotiations:** Trustees approved the opening of negotiations on numerous articles contained in the agreement with the Association of Classified Employees (ACE), which expires Oct. 31, 2011, and on several articles identified for reopeners in the agreement with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 96, Unit A.

**Food service providers:** The board authorized a three-year contract with **Pacific Dining** to provide food services at Foothill's Campus Center and the Krause Center for Innovation. Pacific Dining currently provides food services at Gavilan, Skyline and Cañada colleges, the College of San Mateo and DeVry University in Fremont, and those campuses reported high levels of satisfaction with the services. Pacific Dining uses local products and sustainable/compostable products. The current contract with **Fresh & Natural** expires this month.

Trustees authorized three-year contracts with **Specialty Coffee Services** and **Mediterranena Café**, respectively De Anza's current coffee and convenience store providers, but rejected bids from current food service providers MTM Enterprises LLC (**Una Mas Mexican Grill**) and **Hong Fu Gourmet Chinese Restaurant** Inc. because they were non-responsive to the bid specifications. Instead, contracts with those two providers will be extended through Dec. 16 while new proposals are solicited.

**Reduction in service:** The board approved elimination of the vacant position of admissions and records assistant at Foothill College for lack of work or funds. Trustee **Joan Barram** said that she regrets losing positions but observed that such decisions are much easier when the positions are vacant.

## HUMAN RESOURCES & PERSONNEL

**New hires:** The board approved the following new faculty and administrator hires: In Central Services, **Sheryl Alexander** as executive director of the Foothill-De Anza Foundation, effective Aug. 22; at Foothill, **Zach Cembellin** and **Winnie W. Wong** as PSME instructors, effective Sept 22; and at De Anza, **Julie A. Lewis**, as intercultural/international studies instructor, effective Sept. 22.

**Professional growth awards:** Trustees approved professional growth awards for the following staff members: In Central Services, district Financial Analyst **Joni Hayes Lamprey**; at Foothill, Division Administrative Assistant **Ru Yu Chen**, Admissions and Records Assistant **Naziko Galoyan**, PSME Instructional Lab Coordinator **Zuohua Liang**, and Instructional Computer Lab Administrator **Mario Ramos**; and at De Anza, Administrative Assistant **Carlita Alamban**, Senior EOPS Specialist **Virginia Marquez**, Admissions & Records Assistant **Quan Peng**, Clinic Nurse **Sandra Sokabe**, and Assessment Specialist **Patricia Weinberg**.

## **HEARING OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Student comments:** De Anza students **Kiyo Oechida, Trang Nguyen and Kristal Caidoy** joined **Alrie Middlebrook** of Middlebrook Gardens in comments about a proposed garden project at the Child Development Center at De Anza and the work of ELSEE – the Environmental Laboratory for Sustainability and Ecological Education – in developing childhood outdoor learning laboratories. De Anza Student Trustee **Emily Kinner** thanked the students for attending the meeting.

**Staff comments:** At the urging of Trustee **Laura Casas Frier**, English instructor **Jesus Quintero** and **Donna Fung**, director of the Summer Bridge for Foster Youth program at De Anza, spoke about the privilege of working with foster youth over the summer. Fung expressed the students' appreciation for the recognition they received from community members at the program's recent closing celebration.

Faculty Association President **Rich Hansen**, a De Anza mathematics instructor, expressed concern about whether construction disruptions of the campus will be cleared up by the time school starts. **Charles Allen**, executive director of facilities, operations and construction management, said the team at De Anza will do everything humanly possible to make sure that happens. He noted that the photovoltaic installations being constructed this summer will benefit the college for years to come.

**Presidents' comments:** De Anza President **Brian Murphy** updated the board on efforts to publicize the availability of VTA EcoPass stickers that are free to enrolled De Anza students with a DASB card (<http://deanza.edu/ecopass>). He commended **Julie Ceballos** and the college web team for their efforts to get the word out and called Student Trustee Kinner "one of the heroes" in bringing the EcoPass to students. The stickers, which are good for unlimited travel seven days a week during the quarter on VTA buses and light rail, are subsidized by a new mandatory fee of \$5 per quarter for full-time students (\$4 for part-time). The fee was approved by a vote of De Anza students. President Murphy thanked Trustees Barram and Casas Frier for attending the closing Summer Bridge for Foster Youth event.

Foothill President **Judy Miner** thanked Chancellor **Linda Thor** and Trustees **Betsy Bechtel** and **Bruce Swenson** for attending the Foothill summer gala fundraiser. She reported on the success of the accelerated program for emergency medical technicians offered at Middlefield Campus this summer and a successful student fund-raising effort for Japanese tsunami victims.

**Chancellor's comments:** Chancellor Thor expressed appreciation to the board for its decision on the Onizuka education center site and the hiring of a new foundation executive director.

**Trustee comments:** Trustee Casas Frier acknowledged and joined other board members in welcoming Sheryl Alexander, the new Foothill-De Anza Foundation executive director. She reported that **Gay Krause** is returning to the foundation board after a year's hiatus. Trustee Casas Frier also thanked faculty and staff for their work on the Summer Bridge for Foster Youth program, acknowledged Assembly member **Jim Beall** for his legislative work on behalf of foster youth, and expressed appreciation for enactment of the California Dream Act. Trustee Barram spoke about the importance of the Summer Bridge program in guiding foster youth from high school into college.

De Anza Student Trustee Kinner spoke about the summer Leadership Academy for youth operated by APALI, the **Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute**, and the

involvement of student mentors in the program. She also reported on attending a conference in Sacramento focused on making California campuses smoke-free. She noted that other institutions look to De Anza as a model college, including UC and CSU campuses.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, Aug. 29, 2011, starting with a study session from 2:30-4:30 p.m. followed by a regular board meeting at 6 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the district Board Room. Agendas generally are posted 72 hours in advance at: [http://www.fhda.edu/about\\_us/board/agenda/](http://www.fhda.edu/about_us/board/agenda/). Please check the agenda to verify time and location of the meeting.

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