

Board meeting of May 2, 2011

THE HEADLINES (details below)

The Board of Trustees approved:

- Budgets of the Associated Students organizations
- A district Technology Plan for 2011-2016
- A resolution for Classified Staff Appreciation Week
- Sale of up to \$190 million in bonds
- A new Celebrity Forum lineup of speakers
- A labor contract, a promotion, two acting appointments and new hires

Trustees heard about:

- The latest on the budget
- Proposed revisions to the policy on board agendas
- Honors and awards for district employees and students

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Budget update: Vice Chancellor **Kevin McElroy** said the colleges and Central Services continue to plan for a worst-case scenario – a \$30 million budget deficit for Foothill-De Anza – while awaiting the outcome of the state’s 2011-12 budget deliberations. He said more information to guide planning will be available May 16 when Gov. **Jerry Brown** releases his budget revisions. A tentative district budget will be presented to the board in June.

Vice Chancellor McElroy noted some possible glimmers of positive news. There are reports that state income tax revenues are up by several billion dollars, which would decrease the state’s budget deficit. There is also speculation that Republicans and Democrats in the Legislature may reach a compromise and support extending temporary sales- and vehicle-license taxes, which would further narrow the budget gap. But these developments are not certain.

In response to a question by Trustee **Bruce Swenson** about hiring at a time when layoffs are being discussed, the colleges and Central Services reported that only a handful of searches are under way for critical positions. Trustee **Joan Barram** commended the administration for keeping employees informed about the district’s fiscal situation and planning approach.

Associated Students’ budgets: Leaders of the Associated Students government organizations for Foothill and De Anza colleges presented their 2011-12 budgets, which the board subsequently approved. Both provide substantial funding for a variety of college services that might otherwise have been lost to budget cuts.

At Foothill, the Associated Students organization is temporarily picking up salary and benefit costs in 2011-12 for a student activities specialist, a student activities secretary and the

volunteer center/intramural coordinator positions. **Gustavo Okamura**, ASFC president, said the organization's other budget priorities include increased lobbying efforts, promoting communications, and supporting activities and programs that improve the Foothill experience for students.

At De Anza, approximately 11 percent of the DASB budget for 2011-12 will be used for "divisional support" that directly benefits instructional programs. Additional expenditures will be used to strengthen and expand the Honors Program and for salaries and benefits for student workers in the Tutorial and Academic Skills Center, Student Success Center, and the Math Performance Success program, among others. DASB President **Ze-Kun Li** noted that funding has been expanded for student advocacy efforts and leadership training in 2011-12.

Standing in for President **Judy Miner**, Vice President **John Mummert** expressed the president's appreciation and admiration for student leaders and all they do for the campus, as well as for the work of **Daphne Small**, director of student activities and affairs, and **Pat Hyland**, dean of student affairs and activities.

President **Brian Murphy** complimented DASB President Li and his team for providing "uncommon leadership" and recognized **John Cognetta**, director of college life.

Board members praised Foothill and De Anza students for their thoughtful budget plans and thanked them for their help in addressing the colleges' current fiscal situation in ways that benefit students.

Technology Plan for 2011-2016: Trustees approved the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Technology Plan for 2011-2016 presented by Vice Chancellor **Fred Sherman**. The plan was developed over four years in collaboration with constituent groups across the district. It is fully aligned with the strategic plans of the colleges and the district. Trustee **Betsy Bechtel** commended Vice Chancellor Sherman and the ETS team for surveying students, faculty and staff about their technology needs, as well as for addressing big issues such as project priorities and ETS' evolving role.

Asked if the district could do without a new Data Center if it stored more data "in the cloud," Vice Chancellor Sherman said the district is taking advantage of cloud computing when possible. However, he said, moving to the cloud will not work for 40 servers and the level of customization needed in the new Banner system. In response to a question about plans to move funding for ETS jobs from Measure C back into the General Fund, he acknowledged it is "a cliff we are facing" once Measure C projects are completed.

Appreciating classified professionals: For **Classified Staff Appreciation Week**, May 16-20, the board adopted a resolution that commends members of Foothill-De Anza's classified staff and their dedication to excellence and service. Foothill Classified Senate President **Gigi Gallagher** noted that Pat Hyland and other college managers are arranging a classified recognition event on May 18. She said the administrators stepped in when no one from the Foothill classified staff had time to plan a celebration.

Bond sale: Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$190 million in Measure C bonds to fund the next three years of bond projects. The first two series of Measure C bonds were sold in 2007. After the sale of this new series, there will be one final bond sale. Vice Chancellor McElroy said it makes sense to continue with an aggressive Measure C construction program because the district benefits from the current favorable market and the bond funds generate a small bit of interest earnings for the district, while also providing a hedge against future interest-rate increases in the bond market.

Celebrity Forum speaker series: The board approved the proposed speakers for the 2011-12 Celebrity Forum series. They are former secretary of state **Condoleezza Rice**; violinist **Itzhak Perlman**; astrophysicist **Neil deGrasse Tyson**; President Barack Obama's senior advisor **David Axelrod**; panelists **Peter Sagal**, **P.J. O'Rourke** and **Mo Rocca** from NPR's *Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me*; marine biologist **Jean-Michel Cousteau**; and former white-collar-con-man-turned-FBI-consultant **Frank Abagnale**, whose life inspired the Leonardo DiCaprio movie *Catch Me if You Can*.

Policy on board agendas: Trustees discussed proposed changes to the board's current policy on public participation, BP 9128, following review by the **Chancellor's Advisory Council**. Among the proposed revisions are giving the board president discretion to limit the number of speakers addressing a particular subject, and limiting the time for each speaker to less than the currently allowed maximum of five minutes. The proposed policy institutionalizes the current practice of the chancellor developing the board agenda in consultation with the board president. Trustee Bechtel suggested adding a provision allowing two trustees to act jointly to place an item on the agenda. The policy revisions will come to the board for action at a later meeting.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL

Reduction in service: Due to lack of funds, the board authorized elimination of a vacant customer service assistant position in the De Anza College bookstore. A part-time hourly position, customer support associate, is being created to perform the work that remains.

Labor contract: The board approved an agreement between the Faculty Association and the district, retroactive from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012. Changes to the agreement will not materially increase district spending. Vice Chancellor **Dorene Novotny** and Faculty Association President **Rich Hansen** thanked members of the negotiating teams for their hard work over many months. Faculty ratified the contract with a 96.2 percent vote of approval.

Promotions: The board approved the promotion of **Gregory Anderson** to dean of the Learning Resources Division at De Anza, effective July 1.

Acting assignments: The board ratified the appointment at Foothill of **Laurie Bertani** as acting dean of the Physical Education & Human Performance Division and **Glenn Violett** as acting dean of the Business & Social Sciences Division, both through Dec. 31.

New hires: Trustees ratified the hiring of **Cecilia Hui**, librarian at De Anza, and approved the hiring effective May 17 of **Angela Caballero de Cordero**, De Anza's dean of counseling & matriculation. The board approved the hiring at Foothill of **Kathryn Maurer** as an instructor in the Business & Social Sciences Division, effective Sept. 22.

HEARING OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Board comments: The board presented Student Trustees **Etienne Bowie** from Foothill and **Thomasina Russaw** from De Anza with a memento of their year of service on the Board of Trustees. Each trustee individually expressed regard for the student trustees and praised their impressive records of leadership, particularly their advocacy during the district's parcel tax election and in budget discussions with state legislators. For their part, the student trustees expressed gratitude for the learning opportunities provided by board service and thanked the trustees and administration for their leadership and support.

Trustee Bowie invited the board and campus community to take part in Foothill's **Latino Heritage Month** events in May and in **International Night** on May 20, the annual celebration of world cultures on the campus.

Student comments: De Anza Associated Students President Ze-Kun Li invited trustees and the campus community to a May 12 "**One Heart, One Family**" **benefit concert** to help victims of the Japan earthquake and tsunami. The concert will be held from 6-9:30 p.m. in the Visual & Performing Arts Center at De Anza. Tickets are \$10 with a DASB card, \$11 general admission with advance purchase, and \$15 at the door. More information is available on Facebook at <http://tinyurl.com/benefitJapan>.

Presidents' comments: De Anza President **Murphy** invited trustees to the dedication of the new Child Development Center playground on May 27 from 2-3:30 p.m. He congratulated the marketing and communications team of **Lori Susi, Lois Jenkins** and **Marisa Spatafore** for winning multiple awards, including two firsts, from the **California Community Colleges Public Relations Organization**. Among their winning projects was the fall online flipbook of the schedule, which the college used in transitioning away from paper. President Murphy also noted that a proposal by De Anza students was selected at a recent civic engagement summit by **mobilize.org**. He said the students would receive \$7,000-\$10,000 from mobilize.org to support creation of a physical space on campus for undocumented students.

Interim Vice President Mummert noted that Foothill President Judy Miner was in Washington, D.C., attending a meeting of the **Council for Higher Education Accreditation**, on whose board she serves.

Chancellor's comments: Chancellor **Linda Thor** congratulated Vice Chancellor McElroy for the informative town hall meetings he has led over the past few weeks to update Foothill, De Anza and Central Services employees on the budget. She said she appreciated hearing the comments and suggestions from employees who are working hard to assist in identifying where and how budget cuts can be made while also doing their jobs and working on special projects such as accreditation self-studies.

The chancellor reported on her experience at an orientation retreat conducted by the **American Leadership Forum-Silicon Valley**, which selected her to be among a diverse group of 20 community leaders in Class XXIII. She noted that the organization is aware of the district's budget situation and has provided a substantial scholarship to cover the costs of her participation. She congratulated Trustee **Laura Casas Frier** for her election with the highest number of votes to the board of the **California Community College Trustees** of the Community College League of California.

Staff comments: Vice Chancellor **Sherman** reported on the recognition of two district employees. **Sharon Luciw**, director of systems and networks, has been elected to the board of the **California Community College Chief Information Systems Officers Association** (CISOA). Executive Director of Institutional Research **Andrew LaManque** has been invited to participate in the National Center for Education Statistics' Common Education Data Standards Stakeholder Group. NCES is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the United States and other nations.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2011, at 6 p.m. in the Hearthside Lounge at Foothill College. 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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