

Board meeting of May 13, 2013

SOME HEADLINES

Trustees reviewed or approved:

- A Proposition 30 spending plan
- Speakers for Celebrity Forum's 2013-14 season
- Budgets of the Associated Students of Foothill and De Anza colleges
- Reduction of classified and discontinuance of faculty service
- Appointments, promotions, retirements, Professional Growth Awards

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INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Proposition 30 spending plan: Trustees approved a 2012-13 spending plan for revenue from Proposition 30 as required by the ballot measure. The district estimates it will receive \$23.57 million from Prop. 30 funds. Vice Chancellor **Kevin McElroy** emphasized that this is not new money. Instead, these dollars will backfill apportionment funding community colleges would have received but which the state has diverted for other uses. Although the proposition did not bring the district any new money, he said, it did avert mid-year budget cuts of approximately \$7 million. The district is using Proposition 30 dollars to fund librarians, counselors and other instructional needs at both colleges. None of the money is going toward administrative salaries and benefits or any other administrative costs.

Celebrity Forum: Trustees approved agreements with the following speakers for Celebrity Forum's 2013-14 series at Flint Center: historian and biographer **Doris Kearns Goodwin**; astronaut **Mark Kelly** and his wife, former congresswoman **Gabrielle Giffords**; New York Times columnist **David Brooks**; Apple co-founder **Steve Wozniak**; former CIA director **Leon Panetta**; chef **Jacques Pepin** and his daughter **Claudine**; and 60 Minutes' correspondents **Lara Logan** and **Bob Simon**. The board also renewed an independent contractor agreement with Celebrity Forum founder Dick Henning for 2013-14, the series' 46th year.

Associated Students budgets: Trustees approved the 2013-14 Associated Students' budgets for Foothill and De Anza colleges following presentations by student leaders.

Joseline Diaz, president of the Associated Students of Foothill College, presented an overview of the ASFC budget joined by fellow students **Marcel Samudra**, vice president of finance; **Yanitsa Mihaylova**, business operations specialist; and budget analysts **Hrant Mirijanyan**, **Jason Rusli** and **Sina Saeedi**. The students reported projected income of \$523,800 and

projected expenses of \$579,875 and noted that ASFC is spending down some of its fund balance to support more programs. Newly funded programs for the coming year include the Zimride ride-sharing service, tax counseling, a book loan program for veterans, childcare stipends, an Adaptive Learning tutoring lab and Transfer Club college visit. Between Zimride and the new VTA EcoPass funded by a new student fee, Foothill students will have a comprehensive transportation program next year. Owl Card sales account for 83 percent of ASFC's projected income and 15 percent comes from ASFC business operations such as the Design Center, Smart Shop and movie ticket sales.

Shahar Marom, finance chair for De Anza Associated Students, presented the DASB budget. He said the DASB has increased spending by \$100,000 for 2013-14 in response to an increase in projected income and more funding requests. He noted that the top priority in allocating funding is whether a program or service directly affects De Anza students. Among examples of programs he cited that receive DASB funding are the Tutorial Center (\$167,400), multicultural/diversity activities (\$20,500) and the Euphrat Museum of Art (\$17,875). The biggest chunk of the DASB's \$1.3 million in projected income for 2013-14 comes from De Anza College Flea Market operations, followed by movie ticket sales. Projected expenses are \$1.3 million. In response to a question from President **Betsy Bechtel** about the DASB's \$500,000 general reserve, Student Activities Coordinator **John Cognitiona** said the amount was agreed upon with auditors and is a cushion against potential loss of Flea Market revenue.

Classified staff appreciation week: The board approved a resolution declaring May 20-24 Classified Staff Appreciation Week. Trustee **Joan Barram** took note of the board's regret in having to eliminate classified positions because of the district's budget deficit.

Reduction in classified service: Trustees approved elimination of six currently vacant classified positions at De Anza, effective June 30, for lack of funds. The positions are instructional designer, program supervisor, two instructional associates, and two positions in the Center for Applied Competitive Technologies.

Discontinuance of faculty service: The board approved elimination of two currently vacant faculty positions at De Anza, counselor and child development teacher, effective June 30, for lack of funds.

District office swing space: Trustees approved a bid award to Calstate Construction to renovate existing modular trailers to house staff during renovation of the District Office Building. Funding is through Measure E. The district office renovation is being bid separately and construction is expected to start in early fall.

Onizuka agreement: The board approved an agreement with the city of Sunnyvale for demolition of some of the existing buildings at the former Onizuka Air Force Station, including three that straddle property lines and are jointly owned by the district and the city. Under the agreement, the district's contractor will remove the jointly owned buildings as well as several small buildings on property that the city wholly owns. The project is funded under Measure C and the city will reimburse the district for its proportionate share of the project costs, said **Charles Allen**, executive director of facilities, operations and construction management. A similar agreement was reached with the Veterans Administration, which owns an adjacent parcel at Onizuka. The demolition work is being done at one time because it is more cost effective.

HUMAN RESOURCES & PERSONNEL

Administrative appointments and extensions: The board ratified the appointment of **Kurt Hueg** as dean of the Division of Business and Social Sciences at Foothill College, and the

extension of assignments through June 30 for **Gina Bailey** as interim director of purchasing services in Central Services and **Nazika Galoyan** as acting registrar at Foothill College.

Responding to general comments by Trustee **Bruce Swenson** about filling positions when the district faces a continuing budget deficit, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources **Dorene Novotny** said that all positions have been carefully reviewed and that only those that are most critical to the colleges and district are being filled. President Miner commented that a number of open positions being filled at Foothill are the result of reorganizations that will bring people in at a lower salary level. President Murphy said De Anza constantly reviews its positions and is understaffed for the number of students it serves.

Faculty retirements: Trustees approved resignations for the purpose of retirement of two De Anza instructors, **MaryAnne Ifft**, of Language Arts, and **Gerri Parker**, of Intercultural Studies, both effective June 30 under Article 19 of Faculty Association agreement.

Classified employment: The board ratified employment of **Lee Crowley**, as an art laboratory technician in Creative Arts at De Anza.

Classified retirements: Trustees approved the retirements of **Gordon Lesslie**, HVAC and pool supervisor in Central Services Operations, effective May 31, and **Ellen Mann**, Special Education instructional associate at De Anza, effective June 28.

Classified promotions: The board ratified the promotions of **Joseph Mauss** to police records specialist and **Miguel Valencia** to locksmith/hardware apprentice, and the promotional reclassification of **Edward Hoffman**, HVAC journeyman, all in Central Services

Professional growth awards: Trustees ratified professional growth awards for the following individuals – at Foothill, **Antoinette Chavez**, outreach assistant in Student Development, and **Kirsi Engels**, senior library technician; at De Anza, **Silvia Bichler**, division administrative assistant in Creative Arts; **Lily Greene**, academic advisor in Student Services; **Andy Huynh**, testing technician in Counseling; **Joy Lu**, instructional associate in Business/Computer Systems; and **Chia Ching Wen**, photo lab technician in Creative Arts; and in Central Services, **Lourdes Parent**, senior research analyst, and **Kelly Petit**, Call Center supervisor, both with ETS.

REPORTS & HEARINGS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Recognition of outgoing student trustees: On behalf of the board, President Bechtel thanked **Antonia Zavala** and **Vince Mendoza**, the outgoing student trustees for Foothill and De Anza, respectively, for their service on the board. Chancellor **Linda Thor** expressed appreciation for their enthusiasm and representation in Sacramento. Foothill President **Judy Miner** thanked them for setting a new standard for collaboration between the two colleges' student bodies. De Anza President **Brian Murphy** thanked Trustee Mendoza for representing student interests to him and opening up important issues for discussion. Both student trustees expressed gratitude for their board experience and thanked their fellow board members and administrators for their support. Trustee Zavala introduced her mother and sister, who were in and audience, and noted that her sister will enter Foothill in the fall.

Staff comments: Foothill Academic Senate President **Dolores Davison** reported that seven representatives of Foothill and De Anza attended the recent plenary session of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges.

De Anza Academic Senate **Karen Chow** commented on a new dialogue series sponsored by Office of Equity, Social Justice and Multicultural Education exploring Muslim-Jewish relationships; LGBTQI peer support and anti-violence/anti-bullying training; and how to break the cycle of exploitation, violence and abuse of athletes. She noted that as part of a research study, the massage therapy program at De Anza is offering free treatments during the spring quarter to office workers with neck and shoulder pain (http://www.deanza.edu/pe/massage/WeNeedResearchSubjects_full_page_3-19.pdf) She reported that she and faculty member **Cynthia Kaufman** will facilitate a half-day workshop on May 31 to familiarize faculty with open educational resources. Speakers will include **Judy Baker**, dean of Foothill Global Access, and **Una Daly**, community college outreach manager for the Open Courseware Consortium and a Foothill college instructor.

Foothill Classified Senate President **Erin Clifford Ortiz** thanked Trustee **Pearl Cheng** for speaking to the college's leadership class during Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. She reported that Foothill's **John DuBois** and **Craig Gawlick** gave a presentation on writing Administrative Unit Service Learning Outcomes for Classified Senates at a one-day gathering organized by the California Community Colleges Classified Senate at Santa Rosa Junior College. She said the Classified Professionals 2013 Flex Day is being co-sponsored by classified senates of Foothill, De Anza and Central Services and will be held Friday, May 24, at De Anza. She said **Pat Hyland**, Foothill's dean of student affairs and activities, will give a keynote address on team building.

Presidents' comments: De Anza President Murphy reported that about 3,000 people from throughout the region attended De Anza's new student and parent open house on May 11 and thanked the dozens of faculty, staff and students who assisted throughout the day. He announced that the women's badminton team won its first state championship title, ending with a perfect 10-0 season, and that two former De Anza football players have been drafted into the NFL– **Ty Powell** of Harding University will go to the Seattle Seahawks and **Will Davis** of Utah State will go to the Miami Dolphins. He congratulated Marketing & Communications Director **Marisa Spatafore** and her team for winning three awards from the Community College Public Relations Organization – first place for a Sankofa program brochure, second place for a general campaign and third place for the college catalog.

Foothill President Miner thanked Trustee Barram for attending the first annual countywide Internship Summit organized by **John Mummert**, vice president of workforce development, and hosted by De Anza. She reported on the Day on the Hill open house May 4 for prospective students and their families, which attracted about 1,400 visitors and generated almost 300 applications. She noted that more than 800 people had visited the campus the past weekend for Let's Play Math hands-on workshops at the Physical Sciences & Engineering Center, and expressed appreciation for **Young Hee Park Lee** for her contributions to the event. She announced that the college had recently launched its new teaching and learning center, which offers supplemental instruction to help students on a non-credit basis. The new center brings in state revenue for hours of attendance and replaces the writing center, which was closed several years ago for budget reasons. Finally, she reported that she has hired **Bernata Slater** as vice president of college services following her excellent performance in the interim position.

Chancellor's comments: Chancellor Thor congratulated Trustee **Laura Casas** on being chosen for the Status of Women Award from the Los Altos-Mountain View chapter of the American Association of University Women, recognizing her long history of support for women and girls. The chancellor reported that the district has been selected for a White House honor, the Presidents E Star Award, recognizing our outstanding international education program. She expressed thanks to the many individuals – planners, drivers, tour guides, designers, decorators, and cleanup crews, among others – and whose teamwork resulted in what members described as one of the best board meetings of the League for Innovation in the

Community College, hosted by the district April 30-May 3. She thanked trustees for participating in some of the League events.

Trustee comments: Trustee Swenson reported on attending a statewide trustee conference in Tahoe that attracted about half the state's elected community college board members. Although he is a veteran trustee, he said there were new things to learn and the conference was helpful and stimulating. Trustee Casas reported on issues involving accreditation, diversity, budget, legislation and student success being discussed by the statewide trustees board on which she serves. She proudly noted that the local high school student she mentors was accepted to the University of California, Irvine. Trustee Barram commented on attending the recent countywide Internship Summit and said she is pleased that the colleges are out in the community making connections with a wide range of companies, government agencies and non-profit organizations. She reported on new studies on what it means to be college ready, focusing on the math and English skills needed by first-year community college students. The studies were released by the National Center on Education and the Economy, on whose board her husband serves.

De Anza Student Trustee Mendoza reported on upcoming student elections. He noted that **Anita Adams**, who is running unopposed for the student trustees position, has served as a senior mentor in the iLEAD! program and co-founded the Women Empowered club. He noted that De Anza hosted a May Day event highlighting that access to knowledge should be available to everyone.

Foothill Student Trustee Zavala invited those present to attend International Night at Foothill on May 17, starting with dinner at 5:30 followed by the program.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, June 3 at 6 p.m. in Hinson Campus Center at De Anza 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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