



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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### Board meeting of Oct. 4, 2010

#### ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

**Accreditation follow-up reports:** The board discussed and then accepted the colleges' 2010 follow-up reports on progress toward meeting the Accrediting Commission on Community and Junior Colleges' (ACCJC) standards for student learning outcomes and evaluation.

Responding to questions from Board President **Bruce Swenson**, President **Brian Murphy** said De Anza expects to have completed development of all student learning outcomes (SLOs) by the end of the fall quarter and would be substantially in compliance with ACCJC's assessment protocol by the time of the accreditation team visit in October 2011. Associate Vice President **Kurt Hueg**, accreditation liaison officer for Foothill, said the college has completed SLO development and its first round of reflections. By the time of the team visit, he said, Foothill will have completed two or three reflection cycles. Both colleges are confident they will meet the accreditation commission's standards.

President Murphy said he is proud of the work that went into De Anza's report and expressed appreciation for the contributions of **Marisa Spatafore**, **Lois Jenkins**, **Jim Haynes** and **Colleen Lee-Wheat**. President Miner and Associate Vice President Hueg acknowledged the contributions of **Eloise Orrell**, **Rosemary Arca**, **Gillian Schultz**, **Carolyn Holcroft** and **Darya Gilani** to Foothill's progress.

Information about accreditation can be viewed at these sites:

<http://www.deanza.edu/accreditation/updates.html>

<http://www.foothill.edu/president/2011.php>

**Substantive change proposal:** Trustees accepted a report to ACCJC prepared by Dean of Technology and Innovation **Judy Baker**. The report presents a detailed overview of Foothill College's distance education programs. In an effort to assure quality and rigor, the accrediting commission requires a substantive change report for any program in which at least 50 percent of the instruction is offered off campus or by distance delivery.

Through Foothill Global Access, students currently can pursue 11 associate degrees and seven certificates of achievement fully online and meet 100 percent of the college's general education requirements through online courses, according to the

report. Half the requirements for 24 degree and 21 certificate programs can be met through distance education.

**Interim dean:** Trustees approved the services of Gordon Poon as interim dean of counseling/matriculation at De Anza from Oct. 5, 2010, to June 30, 2011 or until a permanent dean is hired.

**Layoff due to lack of funds/lack of work:** Trustees approved the elimination of the position of graphic design technician in marketing/communications at De Anza effective Dec. 31, 2010.

**District Data Center Project:** Trustees gave the go-ahead for the district to initiate a lease-leaseback agreement for the construction of a new district Data Center. The \$10.5 million construction project is funded jointly by bond Measures E and C. The next step would be for the board to approve a contractor and a pre-construction services agreement, tentatively scheduled for February.

The lease-leaseback approach is designed to allow public agencies to obtain the highest quality at the lowest cost by negotiating a guaranteed price maximum in advance to avoid costly post-construction lawsuits. This method of delivery is becoming increasingly common; the district is using it for construction of Foothill's Physical Sciences and Engineering Center and De Anza's Mediated Learning Center.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL**

**Employment:** Trustees ratified the employment of two new environmental studies instructors at De Anza, **Alicia De Toro** and **Jeff Staudinger**, and a Central Services project manager, **Ronald Deller**.

The board approved the hiring of two new college researchers, **Elaine Kuo** at Foothill and **Mallory Newell** at De Anza. Other new hires who were approved: **Melissa Aguilar**, instructional support technician in Learning Resources, and **Chia-Ching Wen**, photo lab technician in Creative Arts, both at De Anza.

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

Foothill President Miner, sitting as acting chancellor, announced that Chancellor **Linda Thor** was absent because she was attending the White House Summit on Community Colleges. She said the chancellor would take part in a group discussion of affordability and financial aid for community college students during the Oct. 5 event.

Presidents Miner and Murphy both reported on meetings held earlier in the day with **Ajay Kela**, president of the U.S. based Wadhvani Foundation. Representatives of the foundation and the government of India recently visited Foothill and De Anza as part of their evaluation of using the community college model in India. President Murphy commented that it is bittersweet to be regarded as a model while being defunded by

the state. He noted that De Anza students have erected a new "Tent City" in the main quad to call attention to the state's disinvestment in public higher education.

President Murphy also announced that tickets are available for the **Night of Magic**, the Oct. 23 campus event at Visual and Performing Arts Center that raises funds for the college. Sponsored by the college and De Anza Commission, the celebration includes hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, entertainment including the new exhibition at the Euphrat Museum of Art, and a sneak preview tour of the new Multicultural Center. Additional information is available at <http://foundation.fhda.edu/nom>. Discounted tickets are available to employees and their guests for \$125 by calling the foundation at (650) 949-6230.

Foothill Academic Senate President **Dolores Davison**, who also serves on the statewide Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, commented on the governor's signing of two bills designed to streamline the university transfer process, SB 1440 by Sen. Alex Padilla and AB 2302 by Assembly member Paul Fong. Community colleges played a pivotal role in supporting the bills, which she said will make an important difference for community college students. Now students who earn a transfer degree and meet unit, grade and course requirements will be deemed eligible for admission to a CSU campus. Davison reported that a statewide effort is under way to develop guidelines for the new associate transfer degree so California community colleges do not create 112 different transfer degrees. Efforts to streamline the transfer process are proceeding with the University of California.

Foothill Associate Vice President **Kurt Hueg**, sitting in for President Miner, distributed copies of the Loop magazine produced by students under the direction of English instructor **Scott Lankford**. He complimented the efforts of Associate Vice President **Denise Swett** in organizing a robust professional development schedule for the fall. Information about professional development at Foothill, including a link to a calendar of workshops, is available at <http://www.foothill.edu/staff/development/workshops-pro.php>. Hueg also reported that the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District had recently honored **Michael Wilson** as teacher of the year. Wilson has taught in Foothill's Middle College program for more than a decade.

Vice Chancellor of Business Services **Kevin McElroy** reported on the process for filling expiring terms on the Measure C Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and the board's Audit and Finance Committee, which includes community members. The board will appoint a subcommittee at a future meeting to review applications and recommend candidates for appointment.

Trustee **Joan Barram** complimented the chancellor and accreditation panel members for their presentations on district Opening Day. Trustee **Betsy Bechtel**, who is the volunteer chair of the Measure E parcel tax campaign, reported that the campaign has a web site, <http://yesforfoothilldeanza.com>

Board President Swenson noted that the district's report to the **League for Innovation in the Community College** had been well received and that a site visit would be the next step in the reaffirmation process for board membership.

## NEXT MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. in the District Board Room. Please check the agenda to verify time and location. Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance at:  
[http://www.fhda.edu/about\\_us/board/agenda/](http://www.fhda.edu/about_us/board/agenda/).

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