



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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Board meeting of Nov. 7, 2011

THE HEADLINES

The Board of Trustees approved or ratified:

- New stand alone courses at Foothill
- A new labor agreement with the Teamsters
- An increase in the cost of daily parking permits
- New hires and achievement awards

Trustees heard about:

- A Nov. 16 hearing on Student Success Task Force recommendations
- Student plans for an Occupy De Anza event
- Reactions to recent accreditation visits

INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

Stand alone courses: The board approved the following stand alone courses at Foothill College – Special Honors Project in Business, Introduction to Clean Tech, Sociology of Crime, Sociology of Gender, Lighting Design & Technology and CAD Drafting for Theatre, Film & Television.

Agreement with Teamsters: Following a public hearing, trustees approved a new agreement with Teamsters Local 287 pending ratification of the local. The agreement runs from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013, and includes changes in the areas of education, travel and conference fund; staff development leave committee; and release time for negotiations.

Increase in parking permit fees: Trustees approved increasing the cost of a daily parking permit from \$2 to \$3, the first such increase since 1998, effective winter quarter. The change will not affect the cost of quarterly parking permits. Both associated student bodies are on record supporting the increase.

In recommending the increase, Vice Chancellor **Kevin McElroy** said the additional income would defray the costs of replacing permit machines at Foothill and paying maintenance and service fees for new permit machines installed at both colleges. The new machines take credit cards for ease of payment. Vice Chancellor McElroy said the fee increase will minimize encroachment of parking and security expenses on the district's general fund.

Surplus computers for OTI: Trustees approved the donation of surplus computers and monitors to the Foothill-De Anza Foundation for refurbishing by the Occupational Training Institute and donation to students as scholarships.

First quarter report: Vice Chancellor McElroy said revenue projections have not changed since adoption of the 2011-12 budget in September, but are likely to change in the second quarter after the state completes its recalculations once mid-year cuts are confirmed. Non-resident revenue has increased over the projected budget; if those numbers hold, the district could see increased revenue of \$800,000 offset by any increases to the program's operating expenses. If the state moves forward with "trigger cuts" the district's budget deficit would increase from \$7.6 million shown in the adopted budget to \$8.4 million with Tier 1 reductions and \$10.4 million with Tier 2. The district has anticipated these cuts and will cover them using the stability fund.

In response to a question from Trustee **Bruce Swenson**, Vice Chancellor McElroy said that up to \$4 million out of \$12.7 million in carryover funds may be used this year to backfill B budgets that were slashed. The college presidents said backfill is occurring in areas with needs that are essential to continued operations.

HUMAN RESOURCES & PERSONNEL

New hires: Trustees ratified three new hires at De Anza – OTI Job Developer **David Morales** and Instructional Support Technicians **Ricardo Delgado** for math, science & technology and **Victoria Kahler** for language arts.

Professional achievement award: The board ratified a PAA for **Adrienne Pierre**, a counselor at De Anza, in accordance with the contractual agreement between the district and the Faculty Association.

Professional growth awards: Trustees ratified PGAs for the following classified employees:

At Foothill, Administrative Assistant **Teresa De La Cruz**, Bookstore Shipping and Receiving Clerk **Amelia Quiros**, Outreach Specialist **Maria Elena Apodaca**, Division Administrative Assistant **Leslye Noone**, and Academic Scheduling Coordinator **Denise Perez**;

At De Anza, Instructional Support Technician **Gregory Knittel**; and

In Central Services, Network & Communications Administrator **Joseph Coelho Jr.**, Workstation and Systems Support Technician **Terrance Rowe**, and Human Resources Technician **Thuy Quach**.

REPORTS & HEARING OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Student comments: De Anza Associated Student Body President **Arvind Ravichandran** reported on items of interest from a recent statewide General Assembly of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges and plans for an Occupy De Anza event in January to engage and educate students about the state budget crisis. Student senator **Christine Yu** briefed the board on plans for a DASB peer-mentoring program designed to increase college retention by helping incoming students adjust to college. **Jorell Dye**, president of the Associated Students of Foothill College, reported on

the creation of a flea market club to explore options for increasing ASFC revenue. He said the ASFC also is exploring student interest in supporting an EcoPass program.

Staff comments: De Anza Academic Senate President **Karen Chow** reported on a recent statewide Academic Senate plenary session and commended Foothill Academic Senate President **Dolores Davison** for her work on the statewide resolutions committee. She noted broad participation in a joint discussion of the book "Naming Elephants" sponsored by the De Anza Academic and Classified Senates and remarked that **Jackie Reza**, director of staff and organizational development, has been recognized for excellence by her peers. She noted that the Institute of Community and Civic Engagement under the direction of **Cynthia Kaufman** has received a \$100,000 grant from Santa Clara County for voter registration and education, employing De Anza students. She remarked on English instructor **David Denny's** recent appointment as Cupertino's poet laureate and Santa Clara County's recognition of De Anza's Intercultural/International Studies Division at its Asian American Heroes celebration.

Foothill Academic Senate President Davison reported on the statewide plenary session, noting that 22 resolutions addressed issues relating to recommendations of the Student Success Task Force. She noted that the Northern California hearing on the draft recommendations will be held in Oakland Nov. 16 (For details see <http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/PolicyInAction/StudentSuccessTaskForce.aspx>).

Faculty Association President **Rich Hansen**, who served on the Student Success Task Force, urged the district to develop a unified response to the recommendations, particularly in areas that could impede the mission of the colleges and district. Chancellor **Linda Thor** said the board would be discussing the task force recommendations at its January retreat. Foothill President **Judy Miner** said she plans to oppose the proposal to consolidating apprenticeship funding.

Trustees' comments: Foothill Student Trustee **Stephanie McGee** said she plans to attend the Student Success Task Force hearing in Oakland to speak in support of programs such as EOPS and OTI. De Anza Student Trustee **Emily Kinner** also said she plans to attend the hearing. Both thanked students from their respective campuses for attending the board meeting. Board President **Pearl Cheng** congratulated the colleges and district on successful accreditation visits and exit interviews.

Presidents' comments: De Anza President **Brian Murphy** and Foothill President Miner both expressed pride and satisfaction in the recent accreditation visits. They complimented the students whose engagement and activism the visitors commended and acknowledged the extensive behind-the-scenes work that helped make the visits a success.

President Murphy reported that OTI has received a \$250,000 grant for its CompTechS program, which offers hands-on technical support internships for students seeking careers in information technology. He said that the college's Oct. 27 Transfer Day attracted not only local institutions but a number of out-of-state campuses including the Universities of Idaho and Montana, Portland and Iowa State Universities and Syracuse University. He commented on the recent national launch event in New York of the Democracy Commitment, an organization in which De Anza is playing an organizing role. More than 70 colleges and universities have joined the group to participate in a national conversation about student engagement and civic learning.

President Miner reported on the recent "topping out" ceremony marking placement of the final beam on the steel structure of Foothill's Physical Sciences & Engineering Center. She

commented on a presentation by astronomy instructor **Andrew Fraknoi** at Discovery Days at AT&T Park organized by UC San Francisco as part of the Bay Area Science Festival. She noted that longtime Foothill history faculty member emeritus **Irvin Roth** has been awarded the French Legion of Honor medal for heroism in World War II.

Chancellor's comments: Chancellor Thor offered congratulations on the successful accreditation visits. She said she was struck by the similarities in the recommendations and commendations for both colleges, particularly the commendations of student engagement and the value placed on sustainability. She thanked trustees for their participation and noted that the first commendation given by both teams was to the Board of Trustees. She said she was also particularly pleased with the visitors' observations about how well the colleges and district get along and the high level of trust that exists throughout the organization. "That is something we should be proud of," she said.

The chancellor reported on the recent Taste of History "friend-raising" event sponsored by the De Anza Commission and the hiring of a search consultant that specializes in chief information officers in higher education to find a successor for Vice Chancellor **Fred Sherman**, who is retiring Aug. 31.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, Dec. 5, 2011, at 6 p.m. in the district Board Room. 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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