

Board meeting of June 15, 2009

PRESENTATIONS

De Anza State of the College Report: President **Brian Murphy** and immediate past Student Trustee **Patrick Ahrens** delivered the college's annual report for 2008-09, summarizing trends and key planning indicators; progress on sustainability, facilities, equipment and technology; and the achievements of students, staff and faculty. Murphy took note of the college's strong enrollment growth in a year of diminishing state financial support. "This is a college that is healthy, strong, serious and it is really good," Murphy said. "On the other hand, it is under serious threat." Ahrens presented a slide show of the year's notable student activities, and spoke about campus efforts to raise awareness about how students are affected by state budget cuts. The full report is available for download at www.deanza.edu/president.

REPORTS AND HEARINGS OF ITEMS NOT THE AGENDA

Dolores Davison, president of the Foothill College Academic Senate, reported that in response to a recommendation by the state Legislative Analyst's Office, the senate had passed a resolution calling for all courses currently taught in physical education to be classified and funded as credit courses.

Foothill President **Judy Miner**, sitting as acting chancellor, commended Murphy and his team for an outstanding presentation. She thanked Trustee **Bruce Swenson** for attending so many recent end-of-year events and reported that Foothill had received a \$75,000 grant from the California Community Colleges to develop a nanotechnology curriculum.

Faculty Association President **Rich Hansen** reported plans to establish a "strike team" for the district that would quickly respond to proposals in the state Legislature. He said the team would include representatives of the faculty, board, administration, classified employees and students.

Trustee **Laura Casas Frier** reported on her attendance at a statewide Advisory Committee on Legislation meeting and expressed her concern about proposals in the Legislature for large increases in student fees as well as the impact on the district of state budget cuts resulting from the declining economy.

Trustee **Hal Plotkin** reported that he and De Anza mathematics instructor **Barbara Illowsky**, co-author of an on-line open-source textbook, had recently made a presentation on open educational resources (OER) to the California Postsecondary Education Commission. He said the commission has decided to establish a task force to coordinate the OER agenda with the Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources.

Trustee Swenson noted that he and several other trustees had attended a recent forum on education sponsored by state Senator **Joe Simitian**. He asked that an item be placed on a future agenda in support of Simitian's Senate Constitutional Amendment 6 (SCA 6), which would authorize the passage of parcel taxes with 55 percent of the vote for school and community college districts and county offices of education.

Board President **Betsy Bechtel** reported that Trustee Swenson will replace her on the board's Audit and Finance Committee, chaired by Plotkin. She noted that the chancellor search committee had elected Foothill Academic Senate President Davison and Foothill-De Anza Foundation President **Anita Manwani Bhagat** to co-chair the committee with **Jane Enright**, former vice chancellor for human resources and equal opportunity, a non-voting member.

ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Tentative Budget: Vice Chancellor of Finance **Andy Dunn**, Director of Budget Operations **Bernata Slater** and **Mike Brandy**, interim chancellor designate, presented an overview of the tentative budget and the district's situation heading into 2009-10, after which the board approved the tentative budget.

Brandy noted that the district anticipates a strong ending balance from 2008-09. This will help the district tremendously since California's revenue projections have declined substantially since the Legislature adopted the 2009-10 California budget in February. The true extent of state funding reductions to community colleges will not be known until the Legislature has amended the state's 2009-10 adopted budget. However, the district is

projecting a deficit of \$18 million to \$24 million for 2009-10 between its own remaining unresolved deficit of \$2.8 million and projected state cuts.

Other unknowns include the effect that higher student fees will have on enrollment and the cost of the district's self-insured health benefits program. A hearing on the district's final budget is scheduled for Aug. 31, followed by adoption Sept. 14.

To address the trend of declining state revenues, Brandy said that among the broad policy issues being discussed within the California Community Colleges is reducing workload to align more closely with funding. The district currently is preparing for a 5 percent reduction in its full-time-equivalent faculty for 2009-10 by pushing down summer and fall enrollment. This will not affect full-time faculty in 2009-10 because it is too late to provide adequate notice, Brandy said, but will affect part-time faculty.

Presidents Murphy and Miner discussed their plans to address legislative proposals to steeply reduce state funding for categorical programs and how they would maintain as many essential services for students as possible in light of the anticipated funding cuts.

Brandy said it is unlikely that the state funding situation would return to normal by 2010-11 and that the district is facing a multi-year financial problem. Trustee Swenson suggested that the district establish a target amount of one-time funds to retain as a cushion against further funding reductions in 2010-11. Brandy said he would bring that issue to the board at its Aug. 3 study session.

Performing Arts Alliance: Trustees approved renewal of contracts totaling \$1.2 million with 20 groups that provide off-campus arts education to Foothill students. The groups include Ballet San Jose, Bay Area Music Foundation, Bay Choral Guild, Bus Barn Stage Co., California Theatre Center, California Youth Symphony, Cantabile Youth Singers, Children's Musical Theater of San Jose, City Lights Theatre Co., Crystal Children's Choir, El Camino Youth Symphony, Gamelan Sekar Jaya, Los Altos Youth Theatre, Music for Minors, Nova Vista Symphony, Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra, Peninsula Youth Theatre, San Jose Taiko, Schola Cantorum and West Bay Opera.

Electrical Apprenticeships and Training: Trustees renewed two contracts through June 30, 2010 for the training and certification of qualified students to become certified electricians in California. The contracts are with the San Francisco Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Center and the Santa Clara County Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

Foothill bleacher project: The board gave the go-ahead for a \$210,000 contract for the repair and replacement of the bleachers at Foothill's stadium. The project is funded through the Measure C bond.

Construction management: Trustees approved a \$6.5 million contract with Gilbane-Maas for continued construction management services for the Measure C bond program through June 30, 2010.

Installation of photovoltaic systems: The board approved contracts with Chevron Energy Solutions Co. for the installation of a 412 kW solar energy system at Foothill and a 120 kW solar energy system at De Anza, both funded through Measure C. The Foothill system will be mounted on parking canopies in two parking lots, Lot 1H and Lot 2A. The De Anza system will be mounted on parking canopies in parking Lot C, south of the Stelling parking garage. These campus photovoltaic installations will provide shaded parking during the day and lighting at night. Energy conservation rebates are expected to amount to \$880,000 at Foothill and \$40,000 at De Anza over the next five years.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL

Trustees approved the employment of **Jue Thao** as a counselor in counseling and matriculation at De Anza, effective July 1.

The board approved contact extensions through June 30, 2010 for the following administrators:

At Foothill, **Herlisa Hamp**, dean of student support programs and services; **Shawna Aced**, registrar; and **Matais Pouncil**, director of EOPS;

At De Anza, **Rob Mieso**, director of outreach and relations with schools; **Gerald Rosenberg**, PSME division dean; and **Emanuela Dasilva**, manager of custodial operations; and

At Central Services, **Jennifer Dirking**, foundation associate director of development for De Anza.

The district currently is not extending administrative contacts beyond June 30, 2010 due to the current budget situation.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, July 6 in the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board Room. Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance at:

http://www.fhda.edu/about_us/board/agenda/.

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