



Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Krause Center for Innovation

Board Present: Adams, Agbayani, Barram, Berghoff, Casas-Frier, Greif, Krause, Kung, Manwani-Bhagat, Midlock, Miner, Murphy, Neiman, Smithwick, Thor, Torgersen

Board Absent: Kernan, Korol, Levy, McKenna, Seeley, Swift

Staff Present: Dirking, Fox Ellison, Lyssenko, Woodworth

Guest: Matais Pouncil, EOPS Director, Foothill

Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Approved

Finance Committee Report

- Agbayani reported that the Finance Committee had a 2-hour meeting with Commonfund representatives regarding asset allocation and investment policies. The Committee will work with Commonfund over the next few months to review and update the investment policy and re-balance the equity and bond funds.

Chancellor's Circle Update

- Lyssenko reported that the Chancellor's Circle fund has raised \$148K to-date toward our \$250K goal for FY10. The \$50K Spring Challenge has raised \$24K, nearly half the goal.
- Lyssenko announced that a Chancellor's Circle solicitation was sent out to FODARA list of approximately 700 members.
- Lyssenko reminded the Board about the Chancellor's Circle reception at the home of Sue Levy's on May 6th.
- Each college will receive \$75,000 for the FY10 Chancellor's Circle distribution.
- Torgersen explained that each college has regular campus tours run by student volunteers through Outreach. Torgersen and Lyssenko will take a tour to determine if they would be feasible to bring prospects/donors. Staff can still coordinate specialized tours on special request.
- Pouncil thanked the Board for the funding that EOPS has received from Chancellor's Circle, citing it has been vital to the program.

Prospect Activity Report

- Lyssenko projected the updated Board Activity report and Manwani asked the Board to update staff on any actions to their prospects.

Chancellor's Report

- Thor reported that she met Founding Trustee, Bob Smithwick and was impressed to hear about the history of the district and the vision it took to establish Foothill and De Anza from Mr. Smithwick.
- The Board of Trustees recently authorized a polling company to poll 800 registered voters about the proposed parcel tax for FHDA. Results will be heard at the June 7th Board meeting and depending on those results, a recommendation by the Trustees will be made whether to place the parcel tax on the November ballot.
- Bill Gates, as part of his 3-day tour visiting colleges across the country, came to Foothill, where he observed the Math My Way program. Gates and his team are looking at models and best practices in developmental mathematics education.
- Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, will be the commencement speaker at both Foothill and De Anza graduations on June 25th and June 26th.

College Initiatives

De Anza

- Murphy announced the search committee for the Foundation's Executive Director has been selected and includes board members Manwani, Neiman, McKenna, Foundation staff member Lyssenko, District Grants Director, Richard Galope, as well as a faculty representative. Applications hope to be reviewed by the end of the June. The finalist will be invited to an open forum to meet staff, faculty and the community.
- Murphy reported that De Anza's enrollment is full and at least 11,000 names on class waiting lists.
- Murphy commented that the lay-off process has been painful but very respectful.

Foothill

- Miner announced that the colleges are seeing many students who were redirected from state colleges and universities to FHDA. Despite enrollment being up by 3%, the state will not pay for those additional students.
- Miner thanked the Board for Chancellor's Circle FY10 distribution and announced that \$30,000 will be for Foothill's EOPS program, \$30,000 for the Math My Way program and \$15K for the Kaider Scholarship – Male Applicants.
- Joan Barram commented that she attended Foothill's Environmental Horticulture Slow the Flow conference and was very impressed with the speakers and organization.

Commission Reports

Foothill Commission:

- Midlock reported that the Commission is busy preparing for the Gala in July. Borel Private Bank & Trust has indicated they want to bring 100 of their private banking clients to the Gala.

De Anza Commission:

- Greif reported that the Commission is in the process of finding a new direction for the Commission to take and had identified areas where members can get more involved with the campus, including becoming docents for campus tours.
- Greif reported that the Commission is beginning to plan for the Night of Magic in October and is eager to decrease the number of invitations mailed/printed and increase invitations via email and registering via the web.
- Torgersen suggested a company called Paperless Post for interesting email invitations.
- Murphy added that Greif joined De Anza students on the March in March in San Francisco. Seeing the community involved has had a positive impact on student leadership.
- Dirking announced a \$10K gift for the Mimi Stewart fund, which will provide funding in Disabled Student Services program.
- Dirking invited the Board to the Department/Division End-of-Year Celebrations where students are recognized for their hard work. A list of all the opportunities will be sent out.

Foundation Transition Plan

- Fox Ellison announced that the Board and the Foundation will be in good hands with Chancellor Thor. Lyssenko will assume the administrative duties until the new Executive Director is hired, allowing Woodworth and Dirking to continue to fundraise for the colleges.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
May 26th, 2010
District Board Room**