



**Board of Directors Meeting
District Board Room
October 29, 2008
5:00 pm**

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Agbayani, Adams, Barker, Fong, Galope (for Judy Miner), Kanter, Kernan, Korol, Kung, McKenna, Murphy, Swift.

Board Members Absent: Berghoff, Dubin, Krause, Miner, Seeley, Smithwick

Guests: Richard Galope, Sue Levy, Martin Neiman

Staff Present: Dirking, Fox Ellison, Karra, Woodworth

Anita Manwani Bhagat called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Action: Board approved

Board Development Report

- The Board Development Committee proposed bringing Kathy Torgersen back on to the Board of Directors. The full board will vote by email following the meeting
- The Committee is proposing membership for Noona Giridhardas, Sue Levy, and Martin Neiman. Their membership will come up for vote at the 1/28/09 meeting.

Chancellor's Report

- Paul Fong was congratulated for what appears to be a sure election to the California State Assembly. His election will leave a vacancy to be filled by the Board of Trustees.
- There are also three seats to fill on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee.
- Martha will be speaking in San Francisco at a consortium meeting of colleges that are considering adopting Open Educational Resources.
- The District is preparing for the current budget crisis – which could result in \$5-10M in State funding cuts to the District.

President's Reports

De Anza –Brian Murphy

- De Anza is working diligently to increase efficiency during the budget crisis. There is currently enough in reserve to weather the storm for this current school year.
- When economy is down, enrollment goes up, and De Anza's enrollment appears to be growing.
- The college is hosting a mock election to get students engaged in political discourse, and will also have an election night event in the Hinson Campus Center.

Finance Committee Report

- Swift reported that the FY08 Foundation audit has been completed and there were no findings.

- The Disclosure Committee met in the Foundation office to review financial processes, and was pleasantly surprised by the level of detail and organization demonstrated. There were a few areas suggested for improvement.
- At this point the Commonfund return is at -12 % which, in terms of the returns reported by other organizations, represents a heroic effort.
- The Finance Committee understands the turmoil in the financial markets and is meeting on a regular basis to keep pace with information and adjust our fundraising and financial strategies accordingly.

Workforce Development

- Richard Galope, Vice President for Workforce Development at Foothill College also represented Foothill President Judy Miner at this meeting.
- Richard has a background in foundation management and corporate development at LA City College.
- He built a successful corporate program for the college's foundation.
- He highlighted the importance of having the colleges partner with local corporations to identify workforce and funding needs.
- Richard and Marie will work together to build such a program for the FHDA Foundation, and submitted an outline of the key instructional areas at both Foothill and De Anza colleges that could be brought together in such a program.

Commission Reports

De Anza- Chris Barker

- Barker reported that last week's event at De Anza, the 2008 Night of Magic, was a success – attended by 350 guests and raising awareness about the Auto Tech and Manufacturing & CNC departments.
- Chris thanked the various folks involved in the Night of Magic.

Foothill-Kathy Adams

- Last summer's Gala raised \$83,000 which will be distributed at a special Allocation Ceremony on November 13.
- The Foothill Commission is planning a retreat with Judy Miner in January to look at ways the Commission can strengthen its ties with the college.
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Foundation Update

- Kathy Torgersen will be rejoining the Board and chairing the Chancellor's Circle initiatives.
- Fox Ellison reported that the Foundation is increasing its focus on the Chancellor's Circle, and announced the development of a Corporate Partners membership in the Chancellor's Circle.
- McKenna suggested creating tiers so that we could target a variety of companies and individuals through stronger incentives. Asked about offering college parking as an incentive at certain levels.
- Manwani Bhagat suggested that the Foundation distribute a list of donors from the donor database to the board, so members can see who they might know as potential Chancellor's Circle and Corporate Partners members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.