



**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**5:00-6:30 p.m. – Via Zoom**

**Board Present:** Advani, Andersen, Banerjee, Bautista, Bewtra, Holmes, Khechfe, Klinke, Krause, Landsberger, Mahoney, Miner, Nguyen, Santora, Vaidhyanathan, Wong-Agbayani, Wong

**Board Absent:** Davis, Dubin

**Staff Present:** Cima, Howell, Latta, West

**Guests:** Becky Bartindale – District Communications Coordinator; Marisa Spatafore – Associate VP of Communications and External Relations; Susan Cheu – Vice Chancellor Business Services

### Minutes

#### **Welcome and Call to Order**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- August Minutes Approved
  - Bautista moved; Mahoney seconded; motion carried unanimously

#### **Finance Report – Wong-Agbayani**

- Wong Agbayani reported that as of August \$408K has been received in contributions. When comparing to last year at this time, the Foundation had received \$1.4M but that was due to single grant of \$1.1M; we are very similar to last year.
- The Foundation's assets are at \$44.7 million currently. Wong-Agbayani commented that Kaspick positioned the Foundation well to withstand the market turbulence.
- The Finance Committee just reviewed and discussed the draft Reserve Policy submitted by the Executive Committee. She expects the Foundation Board will have an opportunity to review and adopt at the October meeting.

#### **District Budget Update – Cheu**

- Cheu offered an update on the current budget conditioned faced by the district. The report can be found at:  
[http://business.fhda.edu/downloads/09.09.2020\\_State\\_Budget\\_Update.pdf](http://business.fhda.edu/downloads/09.09.2020_State_Budget_Update.pdf)

- Cheu noted that the budget situation is constantly fluctuating as there are many variables including the passage of federal aid to support states.
- The district has a stability fund that should allow it to weather any cash flow issues due to deferrals from the state for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

### **Chancellor's Report – Miner**

- Miner reported to the Board about the district and college opening days. The feature presentation for the district included guest speaker Dr. Joy DeGruy, a nationally and internationally renowned researcher and educator.
- Miner reported on enrollment for the colleges for the Fall quarter at De Anza was up 5% and enrollment at Foothill was flat.
- Miner, who is also a trustee at the University of San Francisco, said that USF's graduate student enrollment was up, but that undergraduate enrollment is down.
- Miner noted that federal CARES funding is only for full-time students. She shared that although 44% of higher education students attend community college the majority of CARES funds went to private 4-year higher education institutions.
- Santora thanked Miner, Holmes, and Nguyen for their leadership and asked about ways the colleges were identifying students who didn't return to their education, and in what ways the Foundation and the board could help mitigate student drop off.
- Miner said that the colleges had put together resource pages for students that directed them to the myriad of aid options available to them, both from the colleges themselves and from the wider community.

### **President's Report De Anza – Holmes**

- Holmes highlighted the importance of wraparound services to ensure student success. De Anza made a concerted effort during shelter-in-place to increase wraparound services. Many students said that "life issues" were the reason that they decided not to continue taking courses. Holmes challenged the Foundation board to think about ways to increase student retention, such as giving out awards to students in their first quarter or year on campus.
- De Anza hosted a welcome day for students with more than 1,000 students attending. Students were able to connect with faculty and staff and learn how to prepare for the first day of the quarter.

### **President's Report Foothill- Nguyen**

- Nguyen gave updates on statistics Foothill gathered from the transition to virtual learning. Withdrawals for 2020 were at the same levels as 2019, while the success rate for students of color increased.
- Mental health for students and employees is a concern. In surveys, students say that mental health is one of their top three concerns that is impacting their educational success.

- Nguyen has been doing Instagram “live” events to check in with students. Student leadership coordinated and facilitated a training for faculty and staff on equity in the classroom. Nguyen commented that the training highlighted the current students’ commitment to service leadership.
- Both colleges are listening and learning as feedback comes in from students and the community about what is needed from the colleges to help students succeed.

### **Foundation Report – Cima**

- Cima reminded the board of their conflict of interest forms they’re required to sign annually. Cima asked that the board sign the copies that would be sent to them and return them as soon as possible.
- Cima invited the board to attend the Family Engagement Institute’s 10-year celebration being held on October 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m. until noon.
- Gay Krause highlighted the work the Krause Center for Innovation has done to train teachers in distance learning. The state has approved a certificate in distance learning from the KCI. The cost of the certificate is \$800 and the KCI is currently on their second cohort of teachers getting the certificate.
- Cima invited the board to attend the annual Taste of History event that will be virtual this fall and supports the California History Center and the Euphrat Museum of Art on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Meeting adjourned 6:32 pm  
Next meeting October 21st via Zoom*