



January 25, 2023

Board of Directors Meeting

5:00-6:30 p.m. – District Office Building

Board Present: Advani, D. Andersen, E. Andersen, Bautista, Bewtra, Casas, Cheng, Chuck Fong, Davis, Dubin, Klinke, Krause, Lara-Cervantes, Mahoney, Miner, Mostafa, Swenson, Wilson, Wong-Agbayani

Board Absent: Banerjee, Holmes, Jones, Khechfe, Kniss, Oropeza, Santora, Sathaye

Staff Present: Cima, Howell, Latta, West

District Staff Present: Marisa Spatafore

Welcome and Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- November 2022 Meeting Minutes Approved
 - *Action: Bautista moved to adopt the minutes; Dubin seconded. Davis abstained. The motion carried; minutes approved.*

Finance Report – Latta

- Currently, the Foundation has raised \$2.1 million towards its \$5 million goal.
- Notable gifts since the previous board meeting include a bequest from Deborah Dexter, a \$200K gift from Sue Coleman, \$33k from a De Anza alumni, and an annual gift from longtime supporters Joe and Lynn Pinto.
- Currently, the foundation's investments total about \$47 million; including cash, the total is just over \$49 million.
- Latta thanked the Audit Committee of Davis, Wong-Agbayani, and Mahoney for approving the FY22 Financial Statements. With the final financial statements approved, the foundation will begin working on the tax return and to be finished by April.

Report on Action(s) by Executive Committee – Cima

- No Action to report

Upcoming Events - Cima

- Cima highlighted the three upcoming fundraising events: the Winter Musical hosted by the Foothill College commission, Taste of History hosted by the De Anza College commission, and the foundation's gala honoring Chancellor Judy Miner's retirement.

- Sponsorships are available for each of the events individually, or the three events as a package.
- Advani shared with the board that she would sponsor a table for the Miner gala.
- Bautista asked for clarification on any geographical restrictions for soliciting sponsors, Cima responded that any board members should coordinate with the Foundation office as they reach out to their networks for sponsors.
- Casas suggested approaching district vendors, as appropriate.

Chancellor's Report – Miner

- Miner let the board know that former De Anza faculty member Roger Mack passed away. Rich Hansen, another long-time faculty and former Faculty Association president also passed away. Miner invited the board to attend the celebration of life for Rich at the De Anza Visual and Performing Arts Center on February 9, 2023.
- Miner will be traveling to Washington and Sacramento to advocate at the federal and state level for community colleges. In Sacramento, she will be advocating for the state to increase the base funding for the colleges.
- Miner updated the board about the community college baccalaureate offerings statewide and expressed some concerns about objections raised California State University system faculty.
- Miner is also advocating for an increase in the Pell Grant amount for students and having students in short-term programs be eligible for grants.

President's Report Foothill – Chuck Fong

- Foothill was featured on KQED highlighting the Amazon Web Services course offerings.
- Chuck Fong noted some of the advocacy she will be doing on behalf of workforce programs to state and federal representatives. This includes supporting the DREAM Act and a Farm Bill, which has funding to support community colleges with horticulture programs that offer instruction on vertical farming.
- Former Foothill student and Palo Alto native Molly Tuttle is nominated for two Grammy awards – best new artist and best bluegrass album. A Foothill faculty member was a contestant on the Wheel of Fortune recently.
- Two Foothill alumni, Ricky Holder and Nick Schafer, are currently Marshall Scholars at Oxford.
- Foothill's enrollment for winter was up 5% and there is an even 50/50 split for students taking online and in-person courses.
- Guest speaker Robert D. Ross the former president of the California Endowment will speak at Foothill on April 27, 2023. More information can be found at <https://foothill.edu/speakers/>.

- Chuck Fong invited all board members to attend the Winter Musical *Into the Woods*. The fundraiser that supports Foothill Musical Theatre will be held on March 12, 2023.
- Chuck Fong also invited board members to attend the next round of the Physics Show in the early spring.
- Foothill will host a ChatGPT forum hosted by instructor Ben Stefonik, which will bring together students, faculty, staff, and guests to discuss the academic and social implications of artificial intelligence.

Presidents Report De Anza – Spatafore, on behalf of the President

- Spatafore highlighted the grand opening of physical spaces for De Anza’s incredibly popular guided pathways model that places students within various academic disciplines and helps them navigate their educational journey.
- A survey about the Measure G bond and the possible building of a new event center at De Anza has gone out to multiple interest groups, community members, staff, faculty, and students. Spatafore encouraged the foundation board to respond to the survey and attend the public information sessions.
- *Silicon Valley Reads* is once again taking place at De Anza and the series starts on January 26, 2023, in the Visual and Performing Arts Center.
- De Anza is also sponsoring the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce Lunar New Year event, at which Bill Wilson will receive the Bridge Award which recognizes individuals and organizations that have helped build trust, respect, and dialogue within the community.

Foundation Report

- Cima gave an update on the Hope Initiative highlighting a gift from the Rotary Club of San Jose which purchased a new industrial refrigerator and freezer for the De Anza food pantry.
- 200 students have signed up to use the new TimelyCare 24-hour mental health app.
- Cima thanked Santora and Reilly for their work supporting EOPS Scholars at De Anza and securing \$30K in new funding for the program.
- The Foundation is transitioning to a new constituent management system and the staff is working on validating the current data so it can be smoothly migrated to the new system.
- The Foundation is also supporting some students in Foothill College’s Stanford Research Internship Program with grants of \$500 per quarter.
- Latta asked board members to write Valentine’s to donors as a form of stewardship and gave each board member a packet of cards to send.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.; next meeting March 22, 2023 (5:00 p.m.)