



January 26, 2022

Board of Directors Meeting

5:00-6:30 p.m. – Via Zoom

Board Present: Advani, Agbayani, Andersen, Banerjee, Bewtra, Casas, Cheng, Chuck Fong, Davis, Dubin, Holmes, Khechfe, Klinke, Kniss, Krause, Mahoney, Miner, Oropeza, Santora, Sathaye

Board Absent: Bautista, Vaidhyanathan

Staff Present: Cima, Howell, Latta, West

District Staff Present: Becky Bartindale, Susan Cheu, Simon Pennington, Marisa Spatafore

Guest(s): Martha Kanter – CEO, College Promise

Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- November 2021 Meeting Minutes Approved
 - *Action: Khechfe moved to adopt the minutes, Andersen seconded; Casas abstained. The motion carried unanimously; minutes approved.*

Finance Report – Latta

- Latta reported that as of December 2021, the Foundation raised \$2.3, approximately halfway to the fundraising goal of FY21-22.
- Notable gifts included \$100,000 from a donor, who attended Foothill and lived in the Carriage House when it was the campus firehouse. \$80,000 of the gift will be an endowed scholarship for Foothill while \$20,000 will support the Hope Initiative.
- Another notable gift came from a local woman in Mountain View, who sadly found out she was terminally ill and was now able to donate her savings to those in need and so she wanted to create an endowed scholarship for first generation college students.
- Latta stated that as of December 2021 the Foundation had \$59M in assets, but since then there have been market fluctuations.
- The transition from TIAA Kaspick to Vanguard is moving forward as the contract being negotiated. Transfer of assets will take place once the contract is finalized.

Actions by Executive Committee – Cima

- Cima notified the board that the Executive Committee took action to allow the board of directors to meet virtually according to the dictates of the Brown Act.
- Cima proposed to the board that instead of the regular February meeting that the Foundation hold a town hall with the college presidents and the Chancellor to inform members of the community about the work the Foundation has been doing.
 - *Action: Advani moved to have a public town hall on the date of the regular February board meeting, Bewtra seconded; motion was approved unanimously; the February 23 meeting will be cancelled and changed to a public town hall.*
- Chuck Fong let the board know about an open house Foothill was planning on hosting Saturday, April 23rd.
- Banerjee asked if the in person board of trustees meetings had mask and vaccination requirements. Cima answered that everyone is masked and social distanced in the district board room. Staff are required to be vaccinated but members of the public are not, though they are required to be masked. There is also a one-way broadcast of the meeting so that people can listen, but they cannot participate virtually.

Hope Initiative Update – Cima

- Cima congratulated the board for exceeding the \$25,000 dollar match with the final total of \$40,000.
- Cima noted that the board was 8 directors shy of its goal of 100% board giving to the Hope Initiative. Cima thanked the board of trustees for their gifts, noting that all five trustees have given to the Hope Initiative.
- The Hope Initiative has raised approximately \$350,000 towards the \$1M goal for FY22. Notable corporate gifts include \$5,000 from AT&T.
- Cima will be presenting with Foothill leadership to the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce.
- Krause asked if there was any further information on the legislation from Marc Berman and basic needs funding for community colleges. Miner responded that while the bill went into effect on the first of January the district is waiting for guidance from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
- Banerjee asked about using donated funds for staffing and whether that actually helps with covering students basic needs. Cima elaborated that feedback from both students and staff demonstrated that having the staffing capacity to distribute funds to students in need increases the number of students given aid.
- Miner highlighted that donated funds were used to pay staff to extend the hours of the food pantry and serve more students, so staffing and supporting staffing has a direct impact on improving students access to basic needs.

Chancellor's Report - Miner

- Miner reported that the Omicron wave had impacted some classes and departments with some classes transitioning online and some departments temporarily shutting

down due to exposure to a Covid positive individual or a positive Covid result. The district is continuing to maintain flexibility with remote and in-person services. With Santa Clara County cases of Covid decreasing, the district is optimistic about having more on-campus services and activity in the coming months.

- The De Anza Communications Office created an excellent website that helped folks navigate what to do if they had been exposed to or tested positive for Covid. The entire district will now use the series of web forms that De Anza created for a more streamlined system.
- There has been discussion about the inclusion of a booster shot in the district's vaccine requirement, but it has not yet been approved by the board of trustees.
- Wong-Agbayani asked if the UC and CSU systems had voted to include the booster shot within their mandate, and Miner said that unlike the UC and CSU systems, each individual community college district is governed by a local board of trustees so that vaccine mandates are a district-by-district policy rather than an overarching one for all California Community Colleges.
- Miner talked about the district's reimagining, and that the district was working to develop a new budget model including streamlining district-union negotiations.
- Miner thanked Chuck Fong for her willingness to step into the role as Foothill College President. The search committee to find a new president will have foundation representation from board of director's vice-president Oropeza, as well as foundation executive director Cima. The goal is to have the new Foothill president start January 1st of 2023.
- Miner let the board know that a bill passed allowing more community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees and that the Respiratory Therapy program at Foothill and the Automotive Technology program at De Anza had applied to offer degrees.
- Miner announced that an additional \$100,000 per campus would be allocated from the Chancellor's Circle funds.

President's Report Foothill – Chuck Fong

- Chuck Fong let the board know that there were 3,100 students on campus for in-person classes for the current quarter but she expected that number to increase in the spring.
- Foothill will be a distribution site for the county to distribute Covid-19 tests.
- Foothill will hold an open house in the spring and invite the local community to renew their relationship with Foothill and learn about the work done at the college.
- Chuck Fong also spoke about reinstating Foothill's study abroad program.
- There is a very low percentage of Covid-19 positive cases on campus, and the campus is also distributing N95 masks and tests.

President's Report De Anza – Holmes

- Holmes thanked the De Anza communications team for their work in streamlining the process for addressing Covid-19 cases on campus.
- Holmes let the board know that he is now a member of the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce and thanked Spatafore for her work as a member of the Cupertino chamber.
- De Anza is still in the running for the Aspen Prize and has moved onto the next part of the process to select the ten finalists.
- On December 2, 2021, De Anza announced a partnership with autonomous vehicle company Nuro. This autonomous vehicle pathway combines automotive technology and computer information systems. Holmes then shared a short video from the day of the announcement.
- Holmes shared the guided pathways video done by the communications office that helps students understand the variety of educational options available at the De Anza campus. These pathways are set up to increase student success and retention.

Foundation Report – Cima

- Cima notified the board that the process of hiring a new director of development for De Anza would be finalized shortly and that an offer had gone out to a candidate.
- Many board members had volunteered to write Valentine’s Day cards to send out to donors; Cima asked the board members on the call for other volunteers and Latta showed the board the cards that the Foundation had printed and the process for sending the valentines.
- Latta asked board members to have valentines in the mail by the 6th of February to make sure folks received them by Valentine’s Day.
- West presented social media statistics and encouraged the board to continue to engage with the Foundation on social media.
- Cima announced the sad news of former De Anza instructor Isiah Nengo’s passing and Cheng and Mahoney spoke about their experiences with him in the Turkana Basin in Kenya.
- Miner announced the passing of former Cupertino Rotarian and district supporter Don Allen as well as the passing of former trustee Jay Jackman.

*Meeting adjourned in memory of Isaiah Nengo, Don Allen and Jay Jackman 6:35 pm
Next meeting March 23rd (5:00 p.m.)*