



November 16, 2022

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Board Present: Advani, D. Andersen, E. Andersen, Banerjee, Bautista, Bewtra, Casas, Cheng, Chuck Fong, Dubin, Holmes, Khechfe, Klinke, Kniss, Krause, Mahoney, Miner, Mostafa, Sathaye, Santora, Swenson, Wong-Agbayani

Board Absent: Davis, Jones, Lara-Cervantes, Oropeza, Wilson, Vaidhyanathan

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

District Staff Present: Marisa Spatafore

Welcome and Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- September 2022 Meeting Minutes Approved
 - *Action: Bautista moved to adopt the minutes; Advani seconded. The motion carried unanimously; minutes approved.*

Finance Report – Latta

- Due to the meeting scheduled one week ahead, financial reports were not available, and the Finance committee did not meet prior to the board meeting. Cima told the board that more detailed financial information would be shared later in the month.
- Latta shared that as of the last finance committee meeting the foundation had raised just over \$1 million since the start of the fiscal year. This is up from \$600,000 at the end of September.
- Latta highlighted multiple gifts from new donors in the previous fiscal year that were repeated this year. These gifts went mostly to scholarships and to the Hope Initiative.
- Dubin said that the Foundation investments are stabilizing and with the turbulent market, losses are to be expected. He highlighted the much lower fees with Vanguard compared to the previous asset manager, as well as their transparency of the fee reporting. Krause commented on Vanguard's professionalism and willingness to communicate with the finance committee.

Report on Action(s) by Executive Committee – Cima

- No Action to report

Debrief on Town Hall Meeting & Discussion of Scheduling Future Gatherings – Bewtra/Andersen

- Bewtra asked Cima about doing a town hall debrief with the board. Discussion about how the in-person town hall compared to the virtual town halls done in the past.
- Cima said that the number of attendees was similar both virtually and in person.
- Andersen commented that she had hoped to see more individuals outside the current friends of the college.

Chancellor's Report – Miner

- Miner told the board about progress made on the affordable housing units in Palo Alto at 213 Grant Road. The district partnered with County Supervisor Joe Simitian and provided funds to have access to a share of the affordable housing. The units will be run and built by organizations with experience running and building affordable housing; these organizations would also set eligibility criteria.
- The Los Altos Hills housing element submitted to the state included affordable housing to be built on the Foothill campus. Miner clarified to the board that at no point in her discussions with the city of Los Altos Hills was there any agreement to provide land or permit building affordable housing on the campus. The housing element is a document that all cities are required to provide to the state outlining their plans to meet affordable housing mandates.
- Miner highlighted new international partnerships. Miner traveled to Dubai with the district's new international student recruiter, Dalia Wardany. Ten students will be attending Foothill and De Anza, with five at each campus.
- Miner thanked those board members who attended the open forums for the Foothill College President candidates. Reference checks for those candidates have already begun and Miner's projected start date for the new Foothill College President is April 1st.
- The Chancellor's search committee is in the process of being formed. AGB Search is the company that will be performing the search and has an excellent track record of executive searches in higher education. The new Chancellor will hopefully be announced in June of 2023 and Miner's final day as Chancellor will be September 5th. Miner also highlighted that many other local community colleges including San Jose Evergreen and College of San Mateo will also be conducting executive searches during this time.
- Elaine Andersen encouraged board members to attend future open forums, highlighting her positive experience meeting the candidates.

Presidents Report De Anza – Holmes

- Holmes shared with the board that De Anza, along with the Board of Trustees, is exploring the option of putting a community health center on the De Anza campus

- De Anza has 22 Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) — sometimes called a Degree with a Guarantee — students who meet the CSU's minimum eligibility requirements are guaranteed priority admission to a CSU campus, though not necessarily to a particular campus or major.
- The De Anza Event Center project is continuing, and De Anza is looking for the community's input. They are surveying both event organizers and producers as well as potential event attendees. Updates and links to the surveys can be found at <https://www.deanza.edu/measure-g/event-center/index.html>
- Holmes thanked the Cupertino Rotary for its support of De Anza student veterans and the De Anza veterans' plaza as well as the Rotary's support for student e-bikes. De Anza is also partnering with the Cupertino Rotary to sponsor 11 rabbit sculptures for the Year of the Rabbit.
- Holmes showed a video honoring Veterans and Veterans Day including the many faculty and staff who have served.

President's Report Foothill – Chuck Fong

- Chuck Fong highlighted how engaged the campus and the community have been in the Foothill president candidate open forums. Multiple constituent groups have met with the candidates and provided feedback.
- Chuck Fong spoke about various initiatives across the campus that demonstrate the program innovation that has always been present at Foothill. One of these initiatives is a group focused on integrating virtual reality and augmented reality into the classroom. Foothill is partnering with the virtual reality labs at both Stanford and Santa Clara University.
- Foothill has received final approval to offer a bachelor's degree in respiratory therapy.
- Chuck Fong thanked the Los Altos Rotary for their continued work with veterans and shared with the board that she spoke at the Los Altos Rotary Veterans Day celebration at the downtown Los Altos veteran plaza.
- Foothill had been offering a home healthcare aid program prior to the pandemic that was put on hold. That noncredit program has become active again and is a great way for students that are interested in going into the healthcare field to become familiar with one aspect of it.

Foundation Report

- Cima let the board know that the foundation was putting together a sponsorship package that let corporations sponsor all three of the upcoming Foundation events, De Anza's Taste of History, Foothill's Winter Musical, and the foundation's fundraising gala honoring Judy Miner. The sponsorships will benefit Foothill's musical theatre, the California History Center and Euphrat Museum, and the Hope Initiative.

- Cima thanked the cohosts of the upcoming holiday reception and asked others to join; the Andersens, Swenson and Kniss volunteered.
- Cima pointed out two notable gifts include a \$100,000 grant from the Morgan Charitable Foundation for emergency funds to support students in the field of early childhood education at each campus and \$20,000 from the Assistance League of Los Altos for the Foothill College food pantry.

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.
Next meeting January 25, 2023 (5:00 p.m.)*