



November 20, 2024

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Minutes

Board Present: Advani, Andersen, Axelrad, Banerjee, Dubin, Espinosa-Pieb, Kniss, Landsberger, Mahoney, Mostafa, Sathaye, Swenson, Swift, Wilson

Board Absent: Ahrens, Bautista, Jones, Lambert, Oropeza, Park, Rao, Vaidhyanathan Whalen

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

District Staff Present: Anu Khanna, Simon Pennington, Stacy Glexiner, Marisa Spatafore

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

- Stacy Gleixner the Vice President, Instruction for Foothill College, who was attending on behalf of Foothill College President Whalen, introduced herself to the board.

Approval of Minutes

- September Meeting Minutes Approved
 - *Action: Mostafa moved to adopt the minutes; Swift seconded. The motion carried; minutes approved.*

Report on Action(s) by Executive Committee – Cima

- The Executive Committee did not take any action.

Appointment of Board Officers – Cima

Cima presented the slate of officers listed in the packet but noted that Sathaye confirmed that she was not available to serve as President. The slate of officers was amended and presented to the board and nominations were taken from the floor.

- *Action: Wilson moved to adopt the Slate of Officers as amended; Mahoney seconded. The motion carried unanimously; the following slate of officers approved for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.*
 - President – Diana Bautista
 - Vice President – Ahmed Mostafa

- Treasurer – Ben Dubin
- Secretary – Art Swift
- Immediate Past President – Ashley Oropeza

Mission Moment – Cima

- Cima shared the 2024 Annual Report with the board. The report highlights student basic needs and the Hope Initiative and features both videos and quotes from board members. The report can be found here:
<https://foundation.fhda.edu/donors/annual-report/annual-report-2024/index.html>

De Anza President Search - Cima

- Cima thanked board members who attended the open forums for the De Anza College President. Candidates spent a week speaking with various constituent groups across De Anza and the District. The Chancellor’s goal is for the new president to start in January of 2025.
- Espinosa-Pieb noted how qualified each of the candidates were – and that no matter who the Chancellor ultimately decided to hire that they would be an excellent De Anza College President.

Finance Report – Latta/Dubin

- As of the November meeting, \$889K has been raised towards the \$1-million-dollar match for the Hope Initiative. There is about \$111K left to raise to meet the match.
- The Foundation’s assets are currently slightly above \$57 million dollars.
- Notable gifts that have come in since the September Board Meeting include:
 - A retired dentist created two named scholarships through a \$30K IRA distribution.
 - Current and former board members gave gifts to college programs and the Hope Initiative; a \$30k gift from a corporate donor was granted to the Hope Initiative.
- The Foundation’s Annual Appeal along with the Chancellor’s Circle funds raised this year will go towards the Hope Initiative. A holiday message will be sent out the 2nd week of December to remind people to give to support the match.
- A question about planned giving and bequests came up. Cima and Latta mentioned that the Foundation’s collateral encourages donors to notify us when they have included the Foundation in their estate plans, but the exact amount or percentage is not mandatory to be included in the Legacy Circle. Annual bequest revenue goals are calculated by averaging the amount of bequest gifts over the previous ten years. The planned giving newsletters and website helps donors who are looking to make a legacy gift.

President's Report Foothill – Glexiner

- 40 allied health students participated in a cadaver lab at Stanford in June. This was made possible by Chancellor Circle foundation funds.
- Glexiner thanked the Los Altos Rotary for helping to pack holiday essentials bags for students at the colleges “Owls Nest” and for their support of student veterans.
- Glexiner invited board members to attend the Business Case Competition. Each year Foothill brings an innovative and impactful company to campus to collaborate with students on work that matters. Students form teams and compete against each other to develop the best business solution. This year's company was Google.
- In 2025, Foothill will launch its “Experience Foothill” campaign to advance experiential learning opportunities to all Foothill students.
- Glexiner highlighted Foothill’s strong apprenticeship programs including the recently implemented child development apprenticeship to train qualified early childcare workers, along with a semiconductor apprenticeship and a retail specialist apprenticeship in partnership with Goodwill.
- The Foothill Theatre is presenting “You Can’t Take It With You” from November 8-24.
- Foothill’s Emerging Technologies Institute focuses on cutting-edge technologies including AI and its impact on our region and higher education and provides opportunities for students and faculty to engage with these technologies outside of the classroom.

Presidents Report De Anza – Espinosa Pieb

- The Cupertino Chamber of Commerce awarded De Anza instructor Mike Appio with educator of the year. Appio is the Chair of De Anza’s DMT (Design & Manufacturing Technologies) Department.
- Espinosa-Pieb let board members know about De Anza’s start-up camp where more than 80 students submitted start-up ideas and then eight groups of students were selected to make an official pitch to local venture capitalists.
- The California New Car Dealers Association (CNCDA) hosted a "Silicon Valley Automotive Technology Career Day" on the De Anza campus, where high school students explored different career opportunities and the future of auto technology
- The Silicon Valley Reads event kicks off in January 2025. One of the events will be moderated by Sal Pizarro from the San Jose Mercury News.
- De Anza received a commendation during the accreditation process for the way it uses data to promote equity on campus.

Foundation Report – Cima

- Cima recognized Christina Espinosa-Pieb for her work as Interim De Anza President and thanked her for her more than 30 years of service to the district.

- Cima spoke to the board about the January board retreat. From board member survey results along with conversations with senior leadership in the district the retreat will bring into focus the strategic plans and goals of the district and work to align foundation fundraising efforts with those goals.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.; next meeting January 22, 2025 (3:00 p.m.)