



**Wednesday, November 4, 2015**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
4:45-6:30 p.m.  
Euphrat Museum, De Anza College**

Board Present: Aoki, Advani, Andersen, Casas, Dubin, Elliott, Krause, Landsberger, Manwani, Mahoney, Messina, Miner, Santora, Sathaye, Smith, Swift, Tankha,

Foundation Staff Present: Chandler, Cima, Lyssenko, West, and Woodworth

Guests: Becky Bartindale, District Communications Coordinator; Diana Argabrite Director of the Euphrat Museum of Art, Instructor Isaiah Nengo, Students: Jocell Agamata, Paloma Zamora, Jorge Contreras and Justin Wang.

### **Welcome – Aoki**

- Board President Don Aoki Introduced the Director of the Euphrat Museum, Diana Argabrite who shared about her work with the summer Art and Social Justice Institute which was partially funded by an Innovation Grant from the Foundation.
- The work from the Summer Institute was part of a larger installation titled “Endangered” which looked at native languages on the brink of extinction and the evolving language of protest and participation.

### **Mission Moment, Turkana Basin – Isaiah Nengo and students**

- The Turkana Basin was one of the projects awarded by the Foundation’s Innovation Grants in FY15. It provided for four De Anza students to accompany Instructor Nengo to the Turkana Basin in Kenya to partake in fieldwork. Nengo gave a bit of background on his travels before letting each student talk about their experience.
  - Nengo explained how he was inspired to go into anthropology through his introduction to Richard Leaky in high school where he had the opportunity to volunteer for a dig, which led to his life long passion. At De Anza, he reconnected with Louise Leaky at the Celebrity Forum Lecture Series. On an expedition that was funded by the National Geographic Society in 2014, Dr. Nengo and his team discovered an extraordinarily complete primate skull, the most complete primate skull that has ever been found in the Napudet area of the Turkana Basin. The skull was determined to be a new species and a new genus with morphologies that have not been seen before.
  - Currently there is a team of eight scientists working on this fossil, which will be featured on the cover of “Nature” magazine.

- Nengo wanted to bring underserved De Anza students to the Turkana Basin to experience not only the fieldwork, but expose them to a totally different culture and way of life. The funds from the grant paid for their travels.
- The students who attended the field school this summer summarized what they had learned:
  - Paloma Zamora: "I learned that it was ok to be scared and that I could achieve and do things beyond the expectations I had for myself"
  - Justin Wang: "The experience was life changing. The person that went to Kenya was not the one that came back. People looked at me differently, because before I didn't know what I wanted to do and now, I know that whatever I do if I do it with the passion and hard work I saw from everyone while we were on the expedition that I will be successful.
  - Joecell Agamata: "I found my heart in Africa. I was enlightened after spending time with the local children, I realized that they are the future and I hope that as I continue my education I can create a positive impact in the world to better its future."
  - Jorge Contreras: "It is my second year at De Anza, I plan on transferring with an Associates in Liberal Arts. Dr. Nengo asked me to be a leader within our group and once I took that opportunity I found that I could finally see myself as a leader."

### **Chancellor's Report – Miner**

- On Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> Miner attended College Day at SJSU. The day was designed for families, many of whom brought their children to introduce them to the idea of higher education. At the event Foothill and De Anza had information booths as well as staff members presenting in languages other than English.
- Patrick Burt who is a City Council Member for Palo Alto has committed to hiring an intern from Foothill College.
- Gay Krause hosted a presentation for Arnaldo Avalos, a member of the Latino Community Foundation Board of Trustees, who visited KCI to see the dynamic programming they offer.
- Chancellors Business and Industry Advisory Council will receive a presentation on the new Education Center in Sunnyvale, which will open in Fall 2016 and feature our current programs along with new programs with great curriculum.

### **Board Initiative Fieldtrip Reports – Directors**

- ***EOP&S – Advani***
  - EOP&S is a government-funded program and any student who is eligible can apply and will receive extra services such as book vouchers, counseling, etc.
  - The program is not adequately funded for the number of students who qualify

- Barriers to student access include the price of materials like books and online access codes. As well as cost of living expenses like food and gas.
- The program has a greater success rate than other peer programs.
- Short-term funding opportunities include:
  - Funding additional book vouchers and academic support
  - Having external funds for food and gas
  - Paying for online access codes for books & transfer fees
  - Providing funding so that more eligible students can participate in the program
  - Increase staffing so that the program can support more students
  - Fund fees from the colleges (student fees, around \$50-\$60 dollars)
- **SLI – the Stem Success Center – Sathaye**
  - The goal of the STEM success center is to increase retention rates in STEM classes
  - The center provides one on one tutoring, online workshops, in person workshops, introduction workshops to common courses that students have difficulty with
  - Adjunct faculty members are responsible for the workshops
  - The STEM success center also has a computer center, where students can work on their coding assignments and there is always a person available to help with them
  - The center offers remedial courses in math
  - The center currently serves on average 3,600 students
- Funding opportunities include:
  - Funding the expansion and remodeling STEM Success Center in order to serve 6,000 students.
- **Veterans – Swift and Dubin**
  - Veterans are on campus at both Foothill and De Anza and face similar and issues re-entering higher education after their service.
  - Some of the difficulties veterans deal with are a limited time for completion, (they must conserve their government benefits), their benefit funding is out of sync with school fee calendar, and books are expensive and can cost more than tuition.
  - The veterans programs for both campuses spend about \$300,000 annually for books and book vouchers.
- Fundraising opportunities include:
  - Funding more for book vouchers
  - Opening doors to provide students with local internships

- ***Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action (VIDA) – Landsberger***
  - Its goal is to help create fully confident and highly participating citizens
  - It consists of a series of classes and activities that aim to equip students with leadership skills
  - These classes and activities feature service learning and experiential learning, creating real-world ties that have a real-world impact.
  
- Funding opportunities include:
  - A matching grant that if matched will give the program \$50,000 per year for 3 years.
  - Funding temporary staff expansion to permanent staff
  - Funding paid student internships

### **Approval of Minutes**

- September minutes approved.

### **Giving Tuesday – Lyssenko**

- Giving Tuesday is on December 1, 2015 and is an international giving day focusing on peer-to-peer fundraising which started in 2012
- Our goals are to raise \$25,000 and add 100 new contacts.
- We are using a 3<sup>rd</sup>- party platform, matches the look/feel of our website
- Personal fundraising pages allow you to reach out to your own social network and share the story of why you give to Foothill-De Anza.
- Assembly Member Evan Low and De Anza alumnus has agreed to do a short video encouraging the community to support FHDA on Giving Tuesday.
- Lyssenko and West did a demo on the platform and encouraged the board members to give and/or create their own personal fundraising pages.

### **Finance Report – Dubin**

- As of September the Foundation raised \$438K towards its \$4.5M goal. Staff is aware of two major gifts coming at the end-of-year, which will align the Foundation closer to the goal. As of September the Foundation's total assets are \$35.7M.

### **Foundation Report**

- Due to time constraints, Chandler gave a very brief report and only announced that a possible Thank-a-thon would be scheduled on January 12<sup>th</sup>, more information to come.

### **President's Reports – postponed as neither President was able to attend**

*Meeting adjourned – 6:40 p.m.*

