



March 22, 2023

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Board Present: Advani, D. Andersen, E. Andersen, Banerjee, Bewtra, Casas, Cheng, Chuck Fong, Holmes, Jones, Klinke, Krause, Mahoney, Oropeza, Santora, Sathaye, Wilson

Board Absent: Advani, Bautista, Davis, Dubin, Khechfe, Kniss, Lara-Cervantes, Miner, Mostafa, Swenson, Vaidhyanathan, Wong-Agbayani

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

District Staff Present: Susan Cheu, Michele LeBleu-Burns, Catalina Rodriguez

Guests: Incoming Foothill College President Kristina Whalen

Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Mission Moment: Report on Colleges' Mental Health Services for Students – LeBleu-Burns & Rodriguez

- LeBleu-Burns, Dean of Student Development, Extended Opportunities Programs and Services, De Anza College, along with Rodriguez, Dean of Student Affairs and Activities at Foothill College, gave a presentation on their work with students who are having trouble meeting their basic needs.
- The presentation can be found here: [Strategies for Providing Equitable Mental Health Services for Underserved Student Populations.](#)
- LeBleu-Burns and Rodriguez highlighted the many ways that the support of students' mental health leads to greater student success, including retaining more students and making more students feel supported in their educational journey.

Approval of Minutes

- January 2023 Meeting Minutes Approved
 - *Action: Sathaye moved to adopt the minutes; Bewtra seconded. The motion carried; minutes approved.*

Finance Report – Latta

- Currently, the Foundation has raised \$2.8 million towards its \$5 million target.
- Notable gifts since the previous board meeting include \$35k from the estate of Vi Montgomery, whose estate previously gave \$1 million dollars. Both gifts will go to the environmental horticulture program at Foothill College. A De Anza alumna, who

is now an attorney in Seattle, established an endowment to support students, and her sister will also be giving an additional gift with potentially more matching funds from her employer, Google. The Assistance League of Los Altos gave \$10k to the Foothill College Food Pantry.

- Currently, the foundation's investments total \$48 million; including cash, the total is just over \$50 million.
- The reserve fund is just under \$1 million dollars.

Report on Action(s) by Executive Committee – Cima

- No Action to report

2022-2023 Events & Sponsorships - Cima

- Cima noted that the goal for Chancellor Miner's retirement gala supporting the Hope Initiative was 300-400 people. Currently there are 130 guests who have RSVP'd.
- Swenson has generously sponsored a table that he would like to be filled with alumni. Oropeza and Ahmed offered to help fill the table.
- Cima reminded the board of the upcoming event Taste of History on the 25th supporting the Euphrat Museum of Art and the California History Center at De Anza. Cima thanked Mahoney and the rest of the De Anza Commission for their support of the event.
- Klinke highlighted the recent event hosted by the Foothill Commission, a showing of *Into the Woods* at the Lohman Theatre. The event raised more than \$10k and had about 100 guests.

Chancellor's Report – Cheu

- Cheu updated the board on the state of the district facilities after the latest atmospheric river. Between both campuses 30-40 trees were lost and there was damage to multiple buildings from the storm. There was also damage to some educational technology equipment.

Presidents Report De Anza – Holmes

- Holmes highlighted the value he placed on public art and invited the board to attend the upcoming unveiling taking place in either April or May of the new mural at the Veterans Plaza at De Anza. The mural was funded by the Rotary Club of Cupertino and funds from the foundation's Chancellor's Circle.
- The Rotary Club of Cupertino is also performing a project called "Cupertino Rabbits" a community-wide public art exhibition and fundraiser to showcase public spaces, celebrate the Year of the Rabbit, enhance community spirit and sense of place, and fund worthy charitable projects. The president's fund is supporting the project to bring art and visitors on the campus.
- *Silicon Valley Reads* speaker Tommy Orange, a poet and author, spoke to Puente students today.

- The Rotary Club of San Jose purchased a new industrial refrigerator and freezer for the De Anza food pantry allowing it to double its capacity and offer food to those in need an extra day per week.
- The De Anza library will feature a healing altar where students will be able to write messages and express feelings of loss and give them a place to reflect.

President's Report Foothill – Chuck Fong/Whalen

- Chuck Fong let the board know that enrollment at Foothill is up 1.4% over last year.
- For the spring quarter 48% of classes are either face to face or hybrid and that number is projected to go up to 60% for the fall quarter.
- Whalen let the board know that she would be officially starting her duties as Foothill President in eight days. Whalen attended a chancellor's cabinet meeting, along with Dean Ram Subramaniam's class, "Cooking with Ram."
- Chuck Fong reminded and invited the board to attend the upcoming event at Foothill "Day on the Hill," Foothill's annual open house to the community on April 21.

Workforce Development Discussion - Cima

- Cima engaged the board about the kinds of workforce programs across the district that interested them in preparation for future discussions about foundation support. The board had expressed an interest in workforce programs, internships, and industry partnerships during its long-term planning process a few years earlier.
- Oropeza expressed interest in learning about what the district had in store for workforce programs, workforce pathways that already exist, and ways that the board could leverage its connections to support ongoing workforce efforts.
- Items were brought up that the board could assist with, including connecting the colleges with industry experts, especially in areas of high demand.
- The feedback from the meeting will be brought back for further discussion.

Foundation Report – Cima

- Cima thanked the Foothill Commission, Latta and Howell for a wonderful winter musical event.
- Cima wished Mahoney a happy birthday and congratulated Reilly on her 1-year anniversary with the foundation.
- Cima encouraged the board to continue to promote and sell tickets and tables for the upcoming retirement gala for Chancellor Miner on June 3.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.; next meeting May 24, 2023 (5:00 p.m.)