



May 24, 2023

## Board of Directors Meeting

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

Minutes

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

**Board Absent:** Davis, Jones, Kniss, Lara-Cervantes, Vaidhyanathan, Wilson

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

**District Staff Present:** Simon Pennington, Anu Khanna, Sophia Kim, Marissa Yañez

**Guests:** So Young Park

### Welcome and Call to Order

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

### Approval of Minutes

- March 2023 Meeting Minutes Approved
  - Banerjee noted an error in the March minutes that had Advani marked as both present and absent. Cima noted that the subsequent motion would be to approve the corrected minutes.
  - *Action: Dubin moved to adopt the amended minutes; Khechfe seconded. The motion carried; minutes approved.*

### Mission Moment: Science Learning Institute (SLI) – SLI Staff

- Director of the SLI Sophia Kim and STEM workforce specialist Marissa Yañez presented to the board the work SLI is doing to advance diversity and equity in STEM.
- The presentation can be found here: [SLI Presentation](#)
- Kim highlighted the many ways that SLI connects students to STEM including field trips, panels, guest speakers, leadership groups, and internships. Yañez spoke about the process of getting students internships: from the staff building relationships with industry and research institutions, to students applying, to staff matching students and internships/mentors together.
- Paid internships are crucial for underrepresented students as they often do not have the means to work for experience alone. The team is working on a cost-sharing

model where the SLI and the providing organization split the cost for paying the student.

- Kim noted the positive feedback on the program from both students and employers, with students feeling more confident in wanting to pursue more advanced degrees and research and employers highlight how well prepared and dedicated Foothill students are.
- Kim and Yañez also highlighted the issues with scalability of the program due to limited staffing.

### **District Reimagining Efforts – Khanna**

- Khanna presented her work with the district reimagining effort. Started in the fall of 2021 to address the changes in the workforce and higher education, this effort began with a listening tour to discover what students, staff, faculty and the community saw as the future of Foothill and De Anza.
- The presentation can be found here: [Relmaging Presentation](#)
- Khanna highlighted the themes and the three priority areas that arose : Budget Allocation Model, District Enrollment Management Committee, and Business Process Alignment.
- Khanna requested that the board share any thoughts or feedback with her either at the meeting or in the provided comment cards.

### **Finance Report – Latta**

- Latta let the board know that as of the end of April \$3.4 million had been raised. Latta commented that including the May gifts received, we were near \$3.7 million raised. Based on current projections Latta estimated that the total for the year would be around \$3.9 or \$4 million dollars, short of the stretch goal of \$5 million.
- Notable gifts that came in include \$97,000 from the Estate of Ying Cai who was a De Anza alum; \$28,000 from the Los Altos Town Crier Holiday Fund which gave \$14,000 to the Krause Center for Innovation and \$14,000 for Foothill College Veterans. A De Anza alum gave \$16,000 to establish a scholarship. Her sister who also went to De Anza gave an additional \$7,500 which was matched by her employer, bringing the total to \$31,000.
- Latta projected that the celebration of Chancellor Miner’s retirement gala’s proceeds will be approximately \$177,000 for the Hope Initiative. So far, the Hope Initiative has raised \$676,000 of the \$3 million dollar goal.
- Foundation assets sit at around \$50 million dollars in total.
- Dubin highlighted that while the loss of -5% since moving to Vanguard was not ideal, the savings on fees and the solidity of the investments was a value add and that he and the Finance Committee were happy with the transition.

### **Report on Action(s) by Executive Committee – Cima**

- No Action to report

### **Board Appointments – Cima**

- Cima thanked all the board members who will be termed off the board of directors, Dubin, Banerjee, and Santora for all of their work in supporting students.
- On behalf of the Executive Committee, Cima presented the board with two nominations: So Young Park and Jonathan Axelrad.
  - *Action: Motion by E. Andersen to appoint the new board members; Khechfe seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Moving Board’s July Meeting from July 26 to July 19, 2023 – Cima**

- *Action: E. Andersen moved to change the meeting date for the July Board of Directors meeting to the 19<sup>th</sup>; Bautista seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Chancellor’s Report – Miner**

- Miner shared her excitement for the hiring of new Chancellor, Lee Lambert. Lambert will start on August 1<sup>st</sup> and Miner’s last day is September 23<sup>rd</sup> so she will be helping onboard Lambert.
- Lambert will take Miner’s place on many local boards including the NOVAworks board.
- Miner highlighted the work of Foothill Commissioners Asha Guha in getting the Peninsula College Fund to give scholarships to incoming Foothill students. Historically they have given scholarships only to students attending four-year schools. Guha is also working on an initiative to get a Foothill and De Anza student a position in the local congressional representative’s offices. Each student will receive a stipend.
- Foothill-De Anza is the only community college district in California that now offers three baccalaureate degrees – dental hygiene, automotive technology management, and respiratory therapy.

### **President’s Report Foothill – Whalen**

- Whalen presented a slideshow highlighting various programs and students at Foothill. Highlighting the Science Learning Institute's 10th-anniversary anniversary celebration as well as the visit of current UCLA Chancellor Gene Block, who himself is a Foothill alumnus.
- Foothill hosted Robert Ross the CEO of the California Endowment on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Ross is an expert on equitable health outcomes and did a Q&A panel with many Foothill College allied health students.
- Over 800 prospective students and families attended Foothill’s annual *Day on the Hill* event. Many students and families also attended the STEM Possible Self Expo on

April 29<sup>th</sup>. The expo was designed to introduce elementary-age children to STEM and STEM careers.

- Whalen thanked the Foundation for supporting students in the Global Experiential Learning program, formerly Campus Study Abroad. Many students want to study abroad but lack the financial means to do so.
- The slideshow can be viewed here: [Whalen Presentation](#).

### **Presidents Report De Anza – Holmes**

- Holmes thanked the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce for supporting De Anza along with the other local Chambers of Commerce.
- Holmes invited the board to attend any end-of-year ceremonies and De Anza's commencement ceremony which will take place at the Santa Clara Convention Center on Saturday, July 1.
- Holmes highlighted the reason De Anza is known as "Tops in Transfer" because it has some of the highest numbers of students transferring to the UC and CSU. The top three UC campuses that students transfer to when they graduate from De Anza are: UC San Diego, UC Berkeley and UC Davis.

### **Foundation Report – Cima**

- Cima reminded the board that the Gala to celebrate Chancellor Judy C. Miner was being held on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Palo Alto . Cima let the board know that there were still open seats available from sponsors so if there were any guests that members of the board would like to bring, they could contact him or Latta.
- Cima also requested that if members had not submitted their meal choices if they could do so by Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.; next meeting July 19, 2023 (5:00 p.m.)*