



**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**3:00-4:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

**Board Present:** Banerjee, Khechfe, Wong-Agbayani, Andersen, Bautista, Bewtra, Dubin, Krause, Landsberger, Mahoney, Miner, Nguyen, Oropeza, Santora Vaidhyanathan

**Board Absent:** Klinke, Zerbrowski, Levy, Wong

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

**Guests:** Marisa Spatafore, AVP of Communications and External Relations; Dr. Lloyd Holmes – Incoming President of De Anza College, Genevieve Kolar – A. Robert and Rena DeHart scholarship recipient, Simon Pennington, AVP College and Community Relations, Marketing & Communications.

### Minutes

#### **Welcome and Call to Order**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- May 2020 Minutes Approved
  - Wong-Agbayani motioned; Andersen seconded; motioned carried

#### **Mission Moment - Genevieve Kolar, Scholarship Winner and Student Leader**

- Latta reminded the board that Robert DeHart was De Anza's first president, and the scholarship recipient is recognized for their contribution to the campus community through volunteering and participation.
- Kolar thanked the board for letting her share her story and thanked Latta for giving background on the A. Robert and Rena DeHart scholarship.
- Kolar described the countless obstacles she faced in pursuing her education, including medical issues, being a caregiver to her father, and facing housing insecurity.
- Kolar highlighted that it was her involvement in learning communities during her first few quarters that really helped her become academically successful. She also spoke about finding mentors who believed in her, which helped even when she continued to struggle academically.
- Kolar described the importance of scholarships saying that the funds will help with living expenses which are often a huge burden to students.
- Landsberger and Miner expressed the pleasure they had of working with Kolar while she was a student trustee and spoke of her talent and how they were sure she would continue to do great things.

### **Chancellor's Report - Miner**

- Chancellor Miner reported that the court had issued a preliminary injunction from imposing eligibility requirements on students receiving emergency CARES Act funding. Miner hopes that the preliminary injunction will turn into a permanent injunction.
- Miner let the board know that although the Governor and State Legislature had presented a budget, the numbers were not confirmed as the state is still trying to determine funding for the upcoming year. A final budget will most likely not be available until August, so the District is proceeding with a plan for reductions under the assumption that there will be cuts of some kind in the budget presented in August.
- The Los Altos Kiwanis awarded 6 scholarships to Mountain View/Los Altos high school students five of whom are going to Foothill and one going to De Anza.
- Miner answered a question about the estimates used to determine the cuts and reductions the District would be making. Miner said that the estimates were between \$12 - \$24 million, but the numbers depended on a variety of factors including the number of international students enrolled.
- Miner highlighted that the District is very fortunate in that it has a stability fund which was instituted by Bruce Swenson when he was a Trustee.

### **President's Report De Anza – Spatafore for Holmes**

- Spatafore addressed the conversations that De Anza has been having around race and racism in response to the killing of George Floyd and the global protests. She stated that the BFSA (Black Faculty and Staff Association) has been heavily involved in those discussions.
- Spatafore let the board know that De Anza had made the position of Umoja counselor a permanent full-time position.
- Spatafore thanked the foundation board for the continued access to unrestricted funding that let the office of the president fund four \$1,000 scholarships selected by the BFSA.
- The De Anza commencement ceremony will take place on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 all virtually and there will be a one-of-a-kind graduation video preceding the ceremony. Banerjee, Mahoney and Vaidhyanathan all recorded congratulations videos for De Anza students that will be shared on social media and within the commencement.

### **President's Report Foothill- Nguyen**

- Nguyen let the board know that the Foothill virtual commencement ceremony is on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and there would be a DJ both before the ceremony began, as well as an after party.
- Nguyen stated that she would be doing another town hall sometime in August or September based on feedback from the Foothill Commission and from those who attended.
- Nguyen detailed the equity work that Foothill has been engaging in including an equity retreat that was held offsite as well as highlighting her letter to students regarding Foothill's support of the Black Lives Matter movement.
- Foothill's Black Student Union will have a Juneteenth celebration and the college will have a porch talk to discuss the recent events as a result of the killing of George Floyd.

### **Foundation Report – Cima**

- Cima thanked the board for participating in the opposing month board calls.
- Cima welcomed Holmes as the newest member of the board as the new De Anza College president and reminded the board that his official start date was July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Cima thanked the board for those who attended the Chancellor's town hall, saying there was a good deal of positive feedback and even a few donors who had not been able to attend the event had even chosen to watch the recording. Cima noted a few donors even renewed their Chancellor's Circle commitment after the town hall as well, showing that it helped engage donors.
- The Foundation's annual budget will be reviewed and voted on during the July board meeting.

*Meeting adjourned 4:00 p.m.  
Next meeting July 22nd at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom*