



May 28, 2025

## Board of Directors Meeting

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

### Minutes

**Board Present:** Advani, Andersen, Banerjee, Casas, Dubin, Godfrey, Mahoney, Mostafa, Oropeza, Park, Sathaye, Torres, Vaidhyanathan, Whalen, Wilson

**Board Absent:** Axelrad, Bautista, Jones, Kniss, Lambert, Lara-Cervantes, Rao, Santora, Swenson, Swift

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

**District Staff Present:** Ellen Kamei, Marisa Spatafore

#### Welcome and Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Ahmed Mostafa.

#### Approval of Minutes

- January and March Meeting Minutes were approved.
  - *Action: Dubin moved to adopt the minutes of the January and March meetings; Sathaye seconded. The motion carried; minutes approved.*

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

- The Executive Committee did not take any reportable action.

#### Agenda Change De Anza President Priority Programs – Mostafa

- Dr. Torres presentation on De Anza's priority programs shifted to first presentation in the agenda
  - *Action: Dubin moved to shift Dr. Torres' presentation; Banerjee seconded. The motion carried; Dr. Torres' presentation was shifted to the top of the agenda.*

#### Approval of the 2025-2026 Meeting Calendar

- The 2025-26 meeting calendar was approved.

- *Action: Dubin moved to adopt the 2025-2026 meeting calendar; Advani seconded. The motion carried; the 2025-2026 meeting calendar was approved as submitted.*

### **De Anza President Priority Programs – Torres**

- Dr. Torres gave an update and restated De Anza's priority programs/projects to the Foundation board of directors.
- The programs/projects align with the goals of the Bay Area Community College Consortium. The Consortium includes 28 campuses that advocate for community colleges and engage with industry to promote career pathways.
- The programs included:
  - Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality Learning Integration
  - Cybersecurity Lab
  - Industrial Automation Lab
  - Forensic Crime Lab
- Torres focused specifically on two priorities, the first being Virtual Reality (VR) / Augmented Reality (AR) Learning Integration. Some highlights included:
  - De Anza will focus on providing specific VR/AR equipment (not a full lab).
  - Foothill will establish a full VR/AR lab in partnership with Dreamscape.
  - Cross-campus collaboration to maximize funding.
  - Estimated cost: ~\$1 million.
  - Lab Equipment will support 7 key disciplines:
    - STEM: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
    - CTE (non-health): Design & Manufacturing Technology (DMT), Automotive Technology
    - CTE (health): Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)
  - Goal: Enhance student understanding through 3D visualization and prepare them for industry.
- The second priority Torres highlighted is the Cybersecurity Lab:
  - De Anza will host a full cybersecurity lab hopefully in partnership with IBM or similar companies. The lab will be a sandbox and allow students to engage in real world cybersecurity scenarios in a closed environment. Cybersecurity is a field with a large shortage of qualified workforce and
  - Foothill will have access to some equipment without a full lab setup, utilizing cross-campus collaboration.
  - Torres thanked Foundation board members because the Foothill-De Anza Foundation will be providing \$100,000 in seed funding to begin the partnership with IBM.
- Torres and Whalen plan to visit Arizona State University to explore and learn about the VR/AR initiatives the school has implemented and gather ideas.

## **Foothill President Priority Programs - Whalen**

- Dr. Whalen presented Foothill's priority programs/projects to the Foundation board of directors. The programs/projects included:
  - Allied Health – Healthcare career preparation support
  - The Emerging Technologies Institute
  - STEM innovation hub Learning Resources
- Whalen highlighted the use of the Emerging Technology Institute to house AR/VR technology and be a venue for potential partnerships including Dreamscape Learn and Apple, Inc.
- Whalen's vision is that the lab would be a multidisciplinary learning space and would follow other community college models that focus on both workforce training and academic learning.
- Whalen estimated that the ETI lab, equipment and infrastructure costs would be at \$1.8 million.
- Whalen's second named priority would be a Simulation Operating Room with an estimated cost of \$300,000. This facility would be located at the Sunnyvale Education Center, which is undergoing a major remodel with completion expected Fall 2026.
- The remodels at the Sunnyvale Center along with the Simulation Operation room would be designed for interdisciplinary training and collaboration among:
  - EMTs
  - Paramedics
  - Radiologic technologists
  - Respiratory therapists

## **Finance Committee Report**

- Latta reported \$3.9M has been raised towards the \$4.2M goal at the end of April with the most updated numbers for May approaching \$4.1M.
- During the last fiscal year two large, unexpected bequests came in which made the fundraising total for that year higher than the forecasted total for this year.
- The fundraising goal for FY25-26 budget is in development and will have a higher fundraising goal than FY24-25.
- The Foundation's assets are currently at ~\$60M.

## **Foundation Report – Cima**

- Cima acknowledged former board president Ashley Oropeza's last meeting and her service on the board. Cima thanked Ashley for her service and support of Foothill

and De Anza students'. Ashley led the board during the Covid-19 pandemic and brought a unique and important perspective to the board as an alumna.

- Cima reminded the board that some members' terms would expire in July and encouraged all current members to consider a new term with the board.
- Mostafa encouraged all board members to think about their networks and bring forward any potential new board members before July 1; any nominations will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee and the Executive Committee before being presented to the board in full.
- End-of-year events and commencement are upcoming. Cima let the board know that they are invited to attend any and all end of year ceremonies they're interested in and to coordinate with Foundation staff.
- West shared links to both campuses' end of year events calendars, and Cima noted that information would be sent to the board after the meeting.
- Howell shared information about Foothill's *Alumni Hall of Fame* taking place on October 4, 2026. The event celebrates distinguished alumni in business, sports, arts, public service, and academia. Event proceeds benefit the Experience Foothill program. Board members are encouraged to attend and bring guests.

### **Chancellors Report – Ellen Kamei on behalf of the Chancellor**

- **Student Housing Project:**
  - Ellen Kamei commented on the District's ongoing effort to convert a market-rate property in Cupertino into student housing. The property will provide 348+ beds, more than doubling the current building's layout capacity.
  - Property owned by Prometheus, Cupertino's largest housing provider. Escrow is expected to close by July. Current tenants will receive relocation assistance and options to move to other Prometheus properties. And Prometheus will coordinate with local K–12 school districts to prevent student displacement as current occupants move.
  - Kamei highlighted the strong support from the Board of Trustees to ensure student housing access.
- Kamei addressed some of the questions surrounding the current federal climate and international students. She noted that Foothill-De Anza is one of the largest community college districts in California for international students, and a significant portion of the overall funding for the district comes from international student enrollment.
- Members of District leadership are monitoring federal developments, including the revocation of Harvard's ability to enroll international students and working to navigate potential impacts on the district's programs.
- Kamei updated the board on her work in Federal & State Advocacy including submitting federal appropriation requests to members of Congress for district programs and highlighting the District's supporting state legislation, including AB

648 which aims to facilitate community college districts' ability to purchase and manage student housing.

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.; next meeting July 23, 2025 (5:00 p.m.)*