



Wednesday, January 28, 2015

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**4:45 – 6:30 pm**

**Krause Center for Innovation, Foothill College**

**Board Present:** Advani, Andersen, Barram, Casas, Davis, Elliott, Krause, Landsberger, Manwani, Sathaye, Santora, Swift, Thor

**Foundation Staff Present:** Lyssenko, West, and Woodworth

**Guests:** Diana Argabrite - Director, Euphrat Museum; Ameeta Tiwana - Chair, Anthropology Department; Julie Lewis - Chair, African American Studies; Becky Bartindale - Coordinator of Communications & Public Affairs; Dan Dishno - Director OTI; CJ Jones - Fitness Coordinator De Anza Fitness Center; Debbie Lee - Foothill College Math Instructor; Sumithira Sukumar - Foothill College Math Instructor; Sarah Parikh - Foothill College Math Instructor; Isaiah Nengo - De Anza Anthropology Instructor; Marisa Spatafore - Associate VP, Communications and External Relations De Anza College; Kimberlee Messina - Acting President, Foothill College; Kevin McElroy - Vice Chancellor, Business Services.

**MINUTES**

August & October Minutes Approved

Santora introduced the first annual Foundation Innovation Grant Presentations

- The five finalists selected from the first round of Innovation Grants pool presented their proposals to the board.
- The board asked questions in regard to how the funding would be used and how the results and successes of the funding would be measured.

Summary of Innovation Grant proposals:

**Turkana Basin Project**

*Faculty Submitter: Isaiah Nengo-De Anza Instructor, Anthropology*

*Amount requested: \$33,222*

Funds would pay for travel and field costs for four students from underrepresented groups to participate in paleoanthropology field research in the Turkana Basin in Kenya.

**Art and Social Justice**

*Faculty Submitter: Diana Argabrite, Director-Euphrat Museum*

*Amount requested: \$17,725*

Funds would pay for an experiential weeklong institute for underrepresented students to explore art and writing as vehicles for self-expression and social change. Critical pedagogy, social justice, and arts education components will be incorporated including

exercises around working styles, emotional intelligence, student leadership and community building.

### **Connections and Support**

*Faculty Submitter: Ameeta Tiwana, Chair-Anthropology Department*

*Amount requested: \$10,500*

Funds would pay for two half-day workshops designed to bring professionals from various fields to mentor target De Anza student populations, to empower and guide them as they prepare themselves for continued higher education or the workforce. It would also allow them a clearer understanding of the various career paths that their studies can help them pursue.

### **CalFIT**

*Dan Dishno, Director – Occupational Training Institute*

*Amount requested: \$3,815*

Funds would pay for low-income eligible students to engage in a step-by-step program to promote healthier lifestyle choices and better nutrition. Through a combination of nutrition lectures and activities combined with exercise in a team-building environment, students will develop new healthy lifestyle choices.

### **Foothill STEM Re-Entry**

*Debbie Lee-Foothill Instructor, PSME*

*Amount requested: \$26,000*

Funds would pay for parents with children who are looking to get back into the work force. These parent/students would work with a STEM faculty mentor, receive an internship with a Bay Area technology company, and a small stipend to help pay for tuition and school expenses.

### **Student Equity Initiative Update**

- Elliot and Landsberger detailed their meetings with various program leaders across both campuses including De Anza's ICCE, Foothill's SLI and both campus programs for EOPS and Veterans.
- Each program has a set of unique stories although similar funding themes were apparent including access to technology, affordability of books, & the need of additional staffing.
- Landsberger and Elliot addressed some of the challenges that the board will face in presenting equity to potential donors including:
  - Giving the board collateral material to help communicate
  - Making the idea of equity more than an academic term
  - Using the publicity from President Obama's Community College Tuition initiative as leverage for the board's initiative.

## **Finance Report**

- Treasurer Dubin was absent so Swift gave the Finance Report.
- The Foundation finished their FY14 audit in December with a clean audit. The audit committee comprised of Dudley Andersen, Holly Wong Agbayani, Orrin Mahoney and Art Swift, reviewed and approved the audit.
- The Foundation's tax return (990s) was recently completed and is being reviewed by the audit committee. The return will be approved by the Foundation Board at the March meeting and filed shortly after.
- The Foundation assets are currently sitting \$37.3 million as of December 2014.

## **Directors Report**

- Lyssenko reported that the ED position is open until filled and that she will server as the Interim through June 30<sup>th</sup> pending the hiring of a permanent director. The Committee will review candidates on an ad hoc basis as they become available in the pool.
- The De Anza Associate Director position has been posted and interviews are to be held at the end of April.
- Fundraising consultant Patricia Williams has taken on a new client and will still assist on an as needed basis at De Anza but will no longer work with Lyssenko on board functions.
- Social media and web engagement continues to grow. The Foundation's Facebook page has 608 likes and 659 new visitors to the Foundation's website since our last meeting.

## **Other Business**

- Santora acknowledged Swift and Manwani-Bhagat for their extra time and effort in reviewing the first round of Innovation Grants and helping to select the finalists.

*Meeting Adjourned 6:30 pm  
Next Meeting March 25, 2015*