Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting
5:00 – 6:30 pm
Krause Center for Innovation

Board Present: Agbayani, Cheng, Dubin, Korol, Krause, Levy, McKenna, Mahoney, Miner, Murphy, Neiman, Santora, Smith, Stevenson, Swenson, Swift, Thor, Torgersen, Williams

Board Absent: Davis, Manwani, Murphy, Kung

Staff Present: Alexander, Dirking, Lyssenko, Woodworth

Guests: Letha Jean-Pierre, Vice President of Finance & Educational Resources; Kevin McElroy, Vice Chancellor of Business Services; Peter Murray, Foothill PSME Dean; Liane Freeman and Steven McGriff of KCI; and Mark Jamison & Rick Friedman of Bernstein & Global Wealth Management.

Minutes

Welcome & Introductions
• McKenna introduced Mary Smith and Orrin Mahoney, De Anza Commission’s recently nominated co-chairs.

October minutes approved

Foothill President’s Report on the Foothill Science Learning Center
• Miner gave a summary of the FH Science Learning Institute Goals.
• Miner explained Silicon Valley’s need to enhance its prominence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and one of the goal’s is to increase the number of students who will pursue a BS in STEM by 25%.
• The FHSLI will offer new curriculum in sustainability, address general education as well as majors’ courses, offer community service and provide internship opportunities with corporations and others across the community.
• Think of Foothill as a living ‘lab’ – bio-swahles, and EV charges/parking.
• FHSLI will offer new way of student thinking – in resource management, policy & decision-making, new & renewable materials and energy sources/performances.
• Miner acknowledged Woodworth’s efforts in embarking the Foundation’s first-ever multi-million dollar campaign to raise funds for the programs housed in the FHSLI. The FHSLI Advisory Board, comprised of community and business leaders, will meet in March.

Overview of KCI
• Krause introduced Liane Freeman, Strategy & Marketing Director and Steven McGriff, Professor in Residence for the KCI.
• Krause explained the KCI has been serving K-12 educators since 2000 with over 14,000 teachers attending KCI courses. More than 70% of its funding comes from private donations.
• The KCI ‘transforms teachers so they can transform students’ through professional development courses provided in-house and on-line. Their emphasis is on technology integration and STEM curriculum training.
• MERIT – Making Education Relevant and Interactive through Technology – is a professional development experience for K-12 teachers aimed at developing and supporting innovative applications of technology in teaching and learning.
• FAME – Faculty Academy for Mathematics Excellence – training for math 6-8 grade teachers aimed at developing both content and technology.
• FASTech – Classes at Foothill designed and developed by KCI to meet training needs of elementary, middle, secondary and community college educators.

Finance Committee Report
• Agbayani reported that the Foundation raised nearly $1.6 million as of January 2012. We are behind in our revenue goals but Alexander reported there are some major gifts in the pipeline that should enable us to reach our $4 million goal.
• Agbayani introduced Mark Jamison and Rick Friedman from Bernstein Global Wealth Management.
  o Mark will be the Foundation’s Financial Advisor. Bernstein offers investment research and management services, as well as advice on investment policy and customized analytics.
  o Mark briefly reviewed Dynamic Asset Allocation – which is used to modify strategic allocations, deliver more consistent returns and mitigate extreme outcomes.

Executive Director.
• Alexander announced the Board Retreat on February 8th at Stonebrook Mansion.
• Next board meeting will be at De Anza.
• The auditors filed an extension and the tax returns will be done by 3/15.

Chancellor’s Report
• Thor reported the accreditations went very well and both colleges had successful visits. The accreditation team commented on the impressiveness of our students and trustees. Thor was confident the colleges would be recommended for another 6 years of accreditation.
• The Governor released his budget revisions – $9.2 billion deficit. The tax-initiative on November’s ballot will be crucial. If it passes, the budget will remain flat. If it doesn’t, it will translate into a $7.1 million in cuts – this added with the mid-year cuts totals for a $16 million structural deficit. The good news is that the district has done a very good job of planning but still has to prepare for the worst-case scenario.

President’s Report
De Anza
  • Jean Pierre reported that De Anza’s Mediated Learning Center is coming along and is scheduled to open in August of 2012. Award winning building – it will provide 67K square feet in multi-use classroom space.
  • De Anza students voted to tax themselves and provide ECO bus passes. So far 5000 students have signed up.
  • Occupy De Anza – Every Tuesday students organize, they are very cooperative with the on-campus police and lead workshops on sustainability.
De Anza is the lead of a national initiative on Democracy Commitment – an effort to have students graduate with civic capacity, President Murphy was a guest panelist for the National Democracy Commitment on January 10th in Washington – available on youtube.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
March 21, 2012