



Wednesday, October 24, 2012

**Board of Directors Meeting
5:00 – 6:30 pm
District Board Room**

Board Present: Advani, Agbayani, Andersen, Casas-Frier, Chen, Davis, Dubin, Elliott, Krause, Mahoney, Miner, Neiman, Santora, Smith, Stevenson, Tankha, Thor, Torgersen,

Staff Present: Alexander, Lyssenko, Woodworth, Williams

Guest: Letha Jean-Pierre, V.P. of Finance & Educational Resources at De Anza; Vince Mendoza, De Anza Student Trustee; Antonia Zavala, Foothill Student Trustee; Anita Manwani-Bhagat, former Board of Director.

Minutes

August Minutes Approved

Student Presentation

De Anza and Foothill Student Trustees, Vince Mendoza and Antonia Zavala gave brief overview of their experiences and reasons why they came to De Anza and Foothill. Both were at-risk youth and have flourished at the colleges academically as well as providing leadership.

Finance Committee Report

Neiman reported that year-to-date fundraising as of September is on track with \$961K received although individual giving is under in projections. First quarter operational expenses are on target with the budget.

Resolution: A resolution was made to update signers on Alliance Bernstein accounts.

Dubin moved and Krause seconded, all in favor.

Neiman explained the audit process and the formation of the audit committee that included Holly Agbayani and community member Bob Grimm. Neiman asked for one additional volunteer on the audit committee. Orrin Mahoney, De Anza **Commission** Co-Chair, volunteered.

Strategic Planning Update

Manwani presented several ideas that the committee had come up with:

- *Proposed mission statement:*
The mission of the FHDA Foundation is to change student lives by raising and investing funds to support the educational excellence of Foothill and De Anza colleges.
- *Proposed Vision Statement:*
The Foothill-De Anza Foundation is a national model for multi-facted collaboration in building outstanding student success.
- *One proposed goal:*
The Foundation's assets will total \$100 million by 2022 as a result of fundraising and asset growth.

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5 Minute Training

Williams led a quick training for the Board. How we represent what we believe. What is the #1 reason why we give – we give to people and feel connected to the mission either because of a personal experience or the organization's values. She asked the board what connects with you?

Opportunity – if education is compromised, then the opportunity for education is taken away. Education is valued. She asked each board member to have at least one conversation with another person and bring to the next board meeting to share so we can inspire each other and start to begin developing talking points.

Executive Director Report

- Alexander reported that **at** each meeting there would be a student that will share their experience and story with the Board.
- She also acknowledged Advani for a great cultivation event.
- Reported on a successful Chancellor's Circle reception at De Anza's new MLC where donors heard from students involved with programs that Circle funds have benefitted.
- Board brown bag luncheon and tour at the De Anza's MLC **has been scheduled**.
- Announced retreat planning had begun and will be scheduled soon –sometime in late January or early February.

Chancellor's Report

- Thor acknowledged Torgersen for being commended by Supervisor Liz Kniss at the Chancellor's Circle Reception. Kniss also donated \$5K to Chancellor's Circle in honor of Torgersen.
- She reviewed some of the budget impacts if Prop 30 fails in the upcoming election.
- Over the past three years, the state has cut funding for FHDA by nearly \$28 million - 15% budget cut.
- FHDA together have cut 2,230 classes over the past three years, a reduction of 16%.
- She highlighted the international program – FHDA is the 2nd largest community college serving international students, serving 3000. These students are high achievers and tend to be very active on campus. The program costs \$3 million to operate, yet brings in \$21 million in revenue to the district's budget.

President's Report

Foothill

- Miner reported that the follow-up on the accreditation exceeded expectations.
- She announced that Woodworth solicited a \$25 gift for PSME.

De Anza

- Jean-Pierre echoed Miner's report of the accreditation, the team was so impressed with the colleges that they canceled their follow-up meeting with Chancellor Thor, saying it was not needed.
- Jean-Pierre thanked Alexander's leadership in the MLC Case Statement and said that the staff, faculty and students are thrilled with the opening of the building.

Commission Reports

Foothill

Stevenson reported that since 2001 the Commission has helped to raise \$900K for Foothill with their events. This summer with the two events, they raised \$125K for Foothill.

De Anza

Smith reminded folks that a Taste of History at the California History Center was next Saturday from 3-6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:
January 30, 2013**