



**Wednesday, May 23, 2012**

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

**Board Present:** Advani, Agbayani, Aoki, Cheng, Davis, Dubin, Krause, Levy, Manwani, McKenna, Mahoney, Miner, Murphy, Neiman, Ringwald, Santora, Smith, Stevenson, Swenson, Thor,  
**Board Absent:** Andersen, Korol, Kung, Swift, Tankah, Torgersen  
**Staff Present:** Alexander, Lyssenko, Williams, Woodworth  
**Guests:** Kevin McElroy, Vice Chancellor of Business Services

### Minutes

#### **March minutes approved**

#### **Board Development**

McKenna suggested the Board vote on the new members at the beginning of the agenda.

*Action:*

*Potential Board members were asked to step outside and the Board voted on the following new board members:*

*Don Aoki, Swati Advani, Kavita Tankah, Alexis Ringwald, Lisa Elliott and Elaine Andersen  
Miner Moved, Dubin seconded, all in favor*

#### **Finance Committee Report**

- Agbayani reported that the auditors filed the tax returns on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Finance Committee reviewed the 990s before it was filed.
- The Finance Committee has been working with staff on the FY12/13 budget and will be sending out to the Board prior to June's meeting so directors have time to review and ask questions before voting to adopt the budget at the June meeting.

#### **Governance & Nominating Committee**

- Levy reported that the committee was reviewing the current bylaws and are making changes. They will have them ready to vote on in June.
- Levy reported on the proposed slate of officers to be voted on in June:
  - Chair, Ben Dubin
  - Vice-Chair, Holly Wong Agbayani
  - Treasurer, Martin Neiman
  - Secretary, Kathy Torgersen

#### **Strategic Planning Update**

- Santora reported that the committee is very active in working with Alexander and Thor on a vision statement and working on setting appropriate goals for the foundation.
- Thor has challenged the committee to think big and consider being bolder, more creative and audacious in setting goals. The colleges are faced with so many challenges and the Foundation's role has become more critical than ever.
- Next committee meeting is on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

### **Major Gifts Steering Committee**

- Manwani referred to the hand out for the campuses year-end events. She encouraged the board to take potential board members and donors to the events that were highlighted by staff.
- Manwani also announced that she was co-hosting a table for the FH Science Dinner at the Selig's home on July 21<sup>st</sup>. She encouraged others to co-host.

### **Executive Director**

- Alexander congratulated the Board Development for their hard work on the new class of board members.
- Williams and Woodworth just returned from a 4-day training on Major Gift training which was very beneficial.
- Alexander thanked Sue and Dick Levy for hosting a successful salon for a small group of potential donors for the FH Science Learning Institute.

### **Chancellor's Report**

- Thor commented that she is very excited about the new members of the board and feels that the Foundation is stronger than ever. She also echoed Alexander's gratitude to Sue and Dick Levy for hosting the event at their home.
- Last week the District held an unprecedented district-wide budget meeting. The district is facing its fourth year of budget cuts and has been able to weather the cuts because of the wisdom of the Board of Trustees and staff in establishing a stability fund. The June Governor's Revision included a \$9 to \$15 billion deficit for the colleges.
- There are two tax initiatives on the November ballot. The Governor's Tax initiative would stave off the most brutal cuts to community colleges. The Munger Initiative, only focuses on K-12 funding only – nothing to community colleges. Only one tax initiative can win or neither can pass. The Munger package is already endorsed by the statewide PTA.
- On top of the cuts, the district faces a structural deficit, meaning its budgeted expenses exceed the revenue. A main source for this deficit is declining enrollment.
- Student fees are increasing to \$46 per quarter unit and these increased fees could hurt enrollment and more students will be applying for Board of Governors (BOG) waivers in which case the colleges would not receive the funding back from the state.
- The colleges have been instructed to cut \$13 million from its budget by June 30<sup>th</sup>, in case the Governor's tax initiative does not pass. The best-case scenario is that the district could get thru most of FY13 and lay-offs could be delayed for a year, the worst case is that the layoffs would begin in January of 2013.
- The colleges are working hard to come up with new ways of structuring, re-thinking the way we do business and being creative in order to balance the budget.

### **President's Report**

#### **Foothill**

- Miner reported a very successful "Day on the Hill" where incoming students and parents visit Foothill.
- Foothill is planning two summer school sessions in efforts to increase enrollment.

#### **De Anza**

- Murphy also reported a very successful Student/Parent Orientation day with more than 4,400 attendees.
- Students, staff, and faculty are very passionate and are pulling together to come up with solutions to the budget cutbacks.

*Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm*

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

**June 27, 2012**