



FOOTHILL-DE ANZA
Community College District

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Laura Casas Pearl Cheng Peter Landsberger Bruce Swenson Gilbert Wong Courtney Cooper Elias Kamal

Board meeting of May 1, 2017

SOME HEADLINES

Trustees considered or approved:

- Contracts for international student recruiting
- Student government budgets for 2017-18
- Using fuel cell technology on campus to cut energy costs
- Board policy on student equity
- New positions, new hires, retirements, appointments

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BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Board report

Board President **Laura Casas**, who serves on the Trustee Board of the Community College League of California, reported on the board's discussion of proposed policy and legislation that would affect community colleges. Of particular interest were proposals to prohibit all police agencies in California from sharing information with federal immigration enforcement officials; reinstate year-round Pell Grants; increase community college base funding; and require a demonstration of intermediate algebra competency by students earning associate degrees for transfer to the California State University system in nine majors. She said CCLC trustee and CEO boards oppose requiring intermediate algebra for transfer.

INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Foothill mission statement

Trustees approved a revision to the Foothill College mission statement that recognizes the baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene. The mission statement now reads:

Believing a well-educated population is essential to sustaining and enhancing a democratic society, Foothill College offers programs and services that empower students to achieve their goals as members of the workforce, as future students, and as global citizens. We work to obtain equity in achievement of student outcomes for all California student populations and are guided by our core values of honesty, integrity, trust, openness,

transparency, forgiveness, and sustainability. Foothill College offers associate degrees and certificates in multiple disciplines, and a baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene.

International student recruiting

The board approved contacts for international student recruiting in 2017-18 with three agents: Indonesia-based **Gregory Baratinni**, who has assisted the district overseas for the past seven years; **George Beers**, sole proprietor of Global Enroll, who oversaw the district's international program for 30 years; and **Xiaolong (Andy) Yang**, who is based in Guangzhou, China. The contractors are tasked with building relationships internationally with educational advising agents, providing recruitment and marketing advice, and representing the district at international study abroad fairs and other events.

CalWORKS contract

Trustees approved a \$236,317 contract with Santa Clara County for the Occupational Training Institute at De Anza to provide education, training and job placement services for CalWORKS clients in 2017-18. The CalWORKS work-study program provides students with guidance and the opportunity to gain meaningful employment while attending college.

De Anza student government budget

De Anza students **Jennifer Tanko**, the outgoing De Anza Student Body (DASB) finance committee chair, and **Amanda Le**, the new finance committee chair, presented an overview of the DASB's 2017-18 budget. Lower revenue from the flea market and the sale of student ID cards due to declining enrollment means the DASB will allocate about \$35,500 less than was budgeted the previous year. Still, the DASB has budgeted almost \$1.3 million in 2017-18 for a wide variety of programs and positions that affect De Anza students. For example, \$532,502 is earmarked for nearly two dozen college services, including support for College Life staff, the Jean Miller Resource Room, HEFAS, LEAD, Math Performance Success, Umoja, and the Tutorial Center; more than \$304,378 for college life events and activities, including a number focused on multiculturalism and diversity; and more than \$150,270 to support programs and activities in college divisions, including \$102,100 for athletics and \$30,660 for creative arts. A new student representation fee will fund student advocacy training and events.

Board President **Laura Casas** expressed the board's appreciation for DASB support of programs that affect student success. Trustee **Gilbert Wong** congratulated the students on their presentation and urged them to look for new ways to increase revenue. He suggested they review the effectiveness of their marketing before making any changes to the flea market schedule.

Foothill student government budget

Five Foothill students –Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) President **Ramiel Petros**, Vice President of Finance **John Fakukakis**, and Budget Committee members **Camron Tarassoly**, **Ronnie Miller** and **Juelle Persad** – presented the ASFC's 2017-18 budget. The ASFC also anticipates a revenue drop from the sale of student ID cards, the largest source of revenue for both colleges. ASFC continues to gradually spend down fund balance to help meet campus needs.

For 2017-18, ASFC has earmarked \$564,700 to help fund more year-end celebrations, create scholarship fund for students who show extraordinary leadership, establish a library textbook reserve at the Sunnyvale Center, and support a computer rental program. Another newly funded initiative is The Script, a student-run news site (see <http://foothillscript.com>).

Among other funding priorities are \$73,600 for ASFC services and activities, including student clubs, a student development conference and a textbook rental program; \$92,000 for college services, including legal counseling, Pass the Torch, EOPS tutoring, the Ireland study abroad program, and funding for social entrepreneurship; \$110,200 for campus life and support programs, including student accounts positions, cultural awareness, the dental hygiene program, and new student orientation; \$44,100 for athletics; and \$7,000 for fine arts and drama. ASFC is using proceeds from its student representation fee to offer training in student leadership and advocacy and to heighten political awareness and participation on campus.

Board President **Laura Casas** expressed the board's pride in the student leaders from both campuses and appreciation for their fiscal contributions. Foothill President **Thuy Nguyen** thanked ASFC President Petros for his leadership, which has earned him a seat on her President's Cabinet.

Classified Appreciation Week

Trustees passed a resolution commending the contributions of classified staff in furthering the mission and goals of the district and proclaimed May 21-27 Classified Staff Appreciation Week. Board President **Laura Casas** expressed trustees' appreciation for the classified staff and the essential services they provide.

Board policy changes

Two board policy revisions were presented for the board's information and review following approval by the Chancellor's Advisory Council. Trustees will vote on them at a later date.

Board Policy 2432, Acting Chancellor in the Absence of the Chancellor, is a revision to and renumbering of BP 2212 to better reflect district operational needs and align the district's numbering with the system used by the Community College League of California's Board Policy and Administrative Procedure Service. The policy revision creates a new line of authority so that, in the absence of the chancellor, authority would rest with the following administrators in this order: vice chancellor of business services, vice chancellor of human resources, vice chancellor of technology, president of Foothill College and president of De Anza College. Currently, the Foothill and De Anza presidents are first and second in line, respectively, to serve as acting chancellor. The chancellor said the change is being recommended for the convenience of having the acting chancellor be on-site at the district offices to sign documents.

Board Policy 5300 (formerly BP 5600), Student Equity, includes language that expands on ways in which the district can support student equity, for example, by providing "appropriate and effective interventions, such as diverse pedagogical strategies; affordable educational materials, including open source textbooks and online resources at no cost to students; support services targeting specific student needs; and other strategies, all of which shall be defined in each college's Student Equity Plan." The changes were recommended and approved by the district's Academic and Professional Matters Committee.

Possible Bloom Energy partnership

The board engaged in a lengthy discussion and asked many questions after a presentation by Bloom Energy representatives **Adam Colling** and **James Funk** about a possible partnership between Foothill-De Anza and the Sunnyvale-based company. The district has held exploratory discussions about installing Bloom fuel cells at the campuses to reduce energy costs and produce cleaner energy.

By using an electrochemical reaction, the Bloom representatives said, the company's fuel cells can produce electricity more efficiently and at 10-15 percent less cost than a public utility can by combusting fuel. They said that Bloom technology produces significantly fewer particulates and 22 percent fewer carbon emissions than a public utility. A district service agreement with Bloom would involve no upfront capital investment by the district and no maintenance costs. The district would agree to house fuel cells and purchase power from Bloom for a predefined cost per kilowatt-hour. Bloom estimates that a 1,000-kilowatt system could save the district more than \$2.4 million over 15 years.

Trustees asked questions about the typical length of a Bloom agreement, the cost structure and financial models that Bloom employs, what happens to the fuel cells when the agreement ends, how often fuel cells are replaced as the company's technical efficiency improves, annual cost increases, reliability of the system, and safety and noise.

De Anza President **Brian Murphy** said that using fuel cells as an alternative on-campus energy source near the Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies could offer interesting educational opportunities for students. The fuel cells on the Foothill campus are proposed for location near the entrance to the district facilities area. **Steve Kitchen**, the district's executive director of facilities and operations, said that even if the district begins buying energy from Bloom, it still would access some PG&E energy through its contract with Constellation Energy.

Trustee **Peter Landsberger** noted that a number of local cities and Santa Clara County have teamed up to create (SVCE), a community owned public agency that partners with PG&E to provide a "100 percent renewable power option." SVCE buys clean energy from PG&E, which continues to maintain power lines and manage customer service. Initially SVE energy costs will be marginally higher than PG&E's, Trustee Landsberger said, but over time they could be significantly lower. He asked whether the district's cost analysis should compare Bloom to 100 percent renewable options such as SVCE rather than compare Bloom to PG&E.

Trustee **Bruce Swenson** inquired about a 2016 California Public Utilities Commission report suggesting that fuel cells are more costly compared to other technologies and produce too much carbon dioxide. The Bloom representatives said politics were involved and that the California Air Resources Board "vigorously disagrees" with that assessment. Trustee Swenson asked for more information and discussion before a Bloom partnership proposal comes to the board for a vote.

A start-up funded by venture capitalists, Bloom Energy reports that its customers include the University of San Diego, California Institute of Technology, the city of Santa Clara, San Diego Community College District, Apple, Google, Kaiser Permanente, AT&T and Home Depot. Its fuel cell technology came out of NASA's Mars Exploration Rover program.

Reduction in classified service

Due to lack of work or funds, the board approved elimination of a vacant classified position for a part-time customer support associate at the Foothill College bookstore.

Reduction in administrative service

Due to lack of work or funds, trustees approved the elimination of a vacant administrative position for a bond program director at Foothill College.

Energy retrofit assistance

The board approved an agreement with Enovity to provide energy monitoring and retrofit recommendations for achieving savings at the Foothill College Central Plant, De Anza Pool boiler/cogeneration facilities, and De Anza S-Quad with funding from Proposition 39, the California Clean Energy Jobs Act.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Administrative appointments

Trustees approved the employment of two administrators, **Catherine Lisle** as vice president of instruction at Foothill, effective July 5, and **James Kozelka** as energy systems manager in Central Services, effective immediately.

Faculty employment

The board approved employment at Foothill for mathematics instructors **Daniel Nghiem** and **Matthew Litrus**, astronomy instructor **Geoffrey Matthews**, and chemistry instructor **Ronald Painter**, all starting Sept. 21, and for **Benjamin Schwartzman** as educational development instructor for the Disability Resource Center and Veteran's Programs at Foothill, starting July 1.

New faculty positions

Trustees approved a new position at Foothill – faculty professional development coordinator – and ratified a new faculty position in Language Arts at De Anza – adult education transitions, ESL and basic skills counselor.

Professional development leaves

The board approved a professional development leave for Foothill photography instructor **Ron Herman** starting in spring 2018.

Faculty retirements & resignations

Trustees approved retirements under Article 19 at Foothill for environmental horticulture instructor **Daniel Svenson** after almost 22 years, and at De Anza for mathematics instructor **Janice Hector** after almost 23 years and environmental studies instructor **Kristen Jensen Sullivan** after almost 15 years. All are effective June 30.

New classified positions

The board approved nine new categorically funded classified positions – at Foothill, program coordinator II in Instruction; at De Anza, testing technician, instructional associate in Creative Arts, program coordinator II in Counseling, student success specialist in Counseling, and sign language interpreter II in Disability Support Programs and Services; and in Central Services, program coordinator II in the Chancellor's Office (for the Humanities Mellon Scholars Program) and two instructional designer positions in ETS.

Classified employment

The board approved or ratified employment at De Anza for **Cristin Reichmuth** as Community Education programs lead and in Central Services for **Anita Huerta Garcia** and **Alma Morfin-Guzman** as custodians I.

Classified promotions

Trustees ratified the promotion of **Felix Longoria** to pool maintenance worker in Central Services.

Classified retirements & resignations

The board approved or ratified the retirements or resignations of the following individuals - at Foothill, administrative assistant **Claudia Flores**, effective March 10, after one year; and at De Anza, program coordinator II **Paula Ahrens**, effective March 31, after almost 18 years, evaluation specialist **Albin Lee**, effective May 12, after one year; office assistant **Cindy Loi**, effective March 31, after one year; and **Gail Vandiver**, senior secretary in Admissions & Records, effective June 30, after 15 years.

REPORTS & HEARINGS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(Board members cannot discuss items that are not placed in advance on the agenda.)

Student comments

De Anza students **Eddie Cisneros** and **Shaida Biglari**, former and current De Anza Associated Student Body Bike Program coordinators, spoke about the need to improve bicycle safety for students as they come and go from campus. They said perimeter roads such as McClellan and Stelling have become more dangerous for cyclists as traffic has increased and that better lighting, brighter stop signs, and share-the-road signs are needed. They reported that the city of Cupertino has agreed to have engineers advise on safety improvements and asked for campus support of safety efforts. The DASB Bike Program oversees 63 bikes that are available to students as quarter-long loans.

Presidents' comments

Foothill President **Thuy Nguyen** reported that the nine Foothill students who won a campus competition to attend the national March for Science on Earth Day in Washington, D.C., made news as they were interviewed and tweeted about by National Geographic and **Dan Rather's** Facebook channel, among others. She said the students are planning a campus presentation on what they learned, who they saw and who they met. She complimented Vice President of Student Services **Denise Swett** and her team for a successful UndocuAlly conference April 27 at Foothill to share strategies for supporting undocumented students. More than 155 individuals from 18 Bay Area community colleges attended. President Nguyen said Foothill's spring enrollment is soft and that bus and radio ads are being used to promote "second spring" classes.

De Anza President **Brian Murphy** expressed appreciation for the dozens of faculty and staff members who came participated on their own time in the college's New Student & Parent Open House on April 29. He thanked Associate Vice Presidents **Rob Mieso** and **Marisa Spatafore** for organizing the event, which he said was well attended. He noted that the college's newest video, "The Whole College Experience," has already received 9,000 "hits" (See it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIL4oLVAjsA&feature=youtu.be>). As the school year draws to a close, he noted that De Anza's women's badminton team is once again a Coast Conference co-champion and that the women's tennis team made it to the state finals. He reported that **Brenda Pantoja** and **Itzel Sanchez**, student leaders of HEFAS (Higher Education for AB540 Students) at De Anza, have received \$25,000 National Scholarships from TheDream.US to continue their education.

On behalf of Chancellor **Judy Miner**, who was in Washington, D.C., Foothill President **Thuy Nguyen** she read a statement from the chancellor to **Courtney Cooper** who was attending her last board meeting as Foothill student trustee. Chancellor Miner expressed her appreciation, affection and admiration for Cooper, calling her among the most dedicated, impactful and insightful student leaders she has met. Board President **Laura Casas** agreed, calling Trustee Cooper a star whose "experience, sunshine and eloquence" leaves people in awe of her. President Nguyen called Trustee Cooper a great leader whose two terms as president of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges also has endeared her to the state Chancellor's Office.

Board members' comments

Trustee **Pearl Cheng** congratulated the chancellor and event organizers for a successful district equity program that featured author Tim Wise. She said she is pleased to see the district's continuing self-reflection on how we're meeting students' needs and making changes as appropriate. She noted that De Anza Student Trustee Elias Kamal could not be present at the meeting because he was in Washington, D.C., attending the annual Afghan American Conference for young community leaders.

Trustee **Gilbert Wong** commented on attending a recent event hosted by Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) to honor Foothill President **Thuy Nguyen** and Berkeley City College President **Rowena Tomaneng**, until recently a vice president at De Anza. He offered his congratulations to the two college presidents were presented the organization's coveted President's Award and a number of Foothill-De Anza employees attended.

Foothill Student Trustee **Courtney Cooper** reported that elections for Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) positions are underway. She complimented current ASFC President **Ramiel Petros** for his efforts to increase student participation in the election process. She noted that at the urging of Foothill's respiratory therapy program, AFSC has taken a stand against AB 387, proposed legislation that would require hospitals and other health care providers to pay allied health students in supervised clinical training. While well intentioned, she said, the bill could result in hospitals no longer offering clinical training placements, which already are difficult to get. Trustee Cooper thanked board members for being so welcoming and friendly to student trustees. She expressed deep appreciation to Foothill faculty and staff who saw her potential and helped her see that she could be a good student and a leader.

Board President **Laura Casas** reported that as a member of the statewide advisory board of the Puente Project, she was given the honor of welcoming state Chancellor Eloy Oakley to a reception held by the group in his honor.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned in memory of retired De Anza environmental science instructor Vicki Jennings.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, June 12, 2017, at 6 p.m. in the Toyon Room of the Foothill College Campus Center, which is the board's regular meeting location until further notice.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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