

Board meeting of Jan.12, 2015

SOME HEADLINES

Trustees considered or approved:

- The search for a new chancellor
- Non-resident tuition for 2015-16
- Statewide tutoring service for online education
- New hires, promotions and retirements

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BOARD BUSINESS

Search for a new chancellor

Trustees discussed the timeline for a new chancellor search, with the goal of naming finalists before the end of the academic year and hiring Chancellor **Linda Thor's** successor by mid-July. The Chancellor's Advisory Council will review the timeline as well as composition of the search committee and its charge at the CAC's June 16 meeting. Under the timeline, constituent groups would have until Feb. 2 to name their representatives to serve on the search committee, which will review applications in late April and interview candidates in May.

Board President **Pearl Cheng** announced that **Mike Brandy**, retired vice chancellor of Business Services and a former interim chancellor for the district, will serve as search coordinator. He'll work closely with a search firm that a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees will select later this month. The search firm's recruitment process is scheduled to begin in February.

President Cheng expressed appreciation to Chancellor Thor for keeping the district moving forward with energy and innovation for the past five years. She said that hiring a chancellor is one of the most important actions a board can take and pledged to have an inclusive and timely process, adding that shared governance participation is important to trustees. Board Vice President **Joan Barram** said the trustees want to decide on finalists before the summer so that everyone can participate. She stressed the importance of constituent groups selecting representatives to serve on the search committee by Feb. 2. Trustee **Betsy Bechtel** said it's important to allow enough time for recruitment. In the meantime, she said, the district can identify potential internal applicants and encourage them to apply.

INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

Approval of international travel

Trustees reviewed a report from the chancellor on planned international travel by faculty. Board policy requires that all faculty and staff seek approval from the chancellor in advance of international travel. Among those with travel plans is De Anza anthropology instructor **Isaiah Nengo**, funded by the Leakey Foundation for travel to Kenya and Ethiopia for CT scanning of a fossil ape cranium he discovered last summer.

Non-resident tuition, 2015-16

Trustees approved an increase of \$3 per quarter-unit in the base rate for non-resident students in 2015-16, bringing the base rate to \$135 per quarter-unit. This is in addition to a capital outlay charge for non-resident students that will remain the same in 2015-16 as it is this year – \$17 per quarter-unit. This brings the non-resident tuition rate to \$152 per quarter-unit for 2015-16, up from \$149 in the current year.

Curriculum changes at Foothill

Trustees approved Foothill College curriculum changes for 2015-16, including the addition of several new courses in British literature, an honors sociology course and a number of building trades courses.

Celebrity Forum contacts

The board approved contracts to lock in two speakers – scientist and educator **Michio Kaku** and writer **Malcolm Gladwell** – for the 2015-16 season of Celebrity Forum. Now in its 47th year, the successful speaker series is self-supporting and has contributed valuable discretionary funding to Foothill College over the years.

Reduction in classified service

Trustees approved elimination of a vacant position, video systems technician at De Anza, for lack of work or funds.

Tutoring services for online education

The board authorized the district to use a contract awarded by the Foundation for California Community Colleges with Link-Systems International, Inc., to provide online tutoring services to California community colleges as part of the statewide Online Education Initiative. The district is the lead agency for the OEI grant. Link-Systems was selected by the foundation through a competitive process.

Responding to board questions, Vice Chancellor of Technology **Joe Moreau** said that providing access to tutoring is one of the biggest challenges in helping students succeed online. He said the Link-Systems tutoring platform – accessed through a sophisticated website – includes professional tutors along with features such as electronic white boards, screen and document sharing, and audio and video chat.

Up to \$2.5 million in funds from the statewide OEI grant will be used to support online tutoring in California community colleges over the next four years. For colleges participating in the initiative, that means the grant will help pay for professional tutoring through Link-Systems. Regardless of whether they sign up for the statewide initiative, all California community colleges will have access to the Link-Systems platform and its features. Colleges can use the platform with their own tutors or purchase professional tutoring services. As one of eight colleges participating in the initiative's "full-launch" cohort, Foothill will be

among those testing the new online tutoring platform starting next week. The Research & Planning Group for the California Community Colleges will evaluate how well the system works.

BOND PROJECTS

Education center at Onizuka

Trustees approved an agreement with the city of Sunnyvale that allows for early replacement of an old, undersized sanitary sewer line that runs through the education center property, to be undertaken by the district and reimbursed by the city, as well as two other agreements related to the district's responsibility to improve and maintain a portion of Innovation Way and the street frontage abutting the education center.

HUMAN RESOURCES & PERSONNEL

Administrator positions

The board approved extensions of the following interim appointments: **Michael Hegglund**, dean of Community Education at De Anza, through June 30, and **Robin Latta-Lyssenko**, executive director of the Foothill-De Anza Foundation, through Feb. 1.

Trustees approved a reclassification for **Rob Mieso** as associate vice president of student services at De Anza effective Feb. 1, and ratified a new classification for the vacant position of division dean of Physical Sciences, Mathematics & Engineering at Foothill.

Faculty & staff retirements

Trustees approved the retirements of **Ken Manske**, graphic design instructor at Foothill, after 24 years, and **Julie Phillips**, environmental studies instructor at De Anza, after 27.5 years, both effective June 26. The board ratified the retirement of **Pat Cornely**, executive director of the Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies at De Anza, after 15.35 years, effective Dec. 29, 2014.

Classified employment

The board approved or ratified employment at Foothill of **Jerry Robredo** as web and print communications design coordinator in Marketing, **Marco Tovar** as a school relations specialist in Student Services and **Thanh Tran** as admissions and records assistant in Enrollment Services. Trustees ratified the employment of **Stevie Walsh** as division administrative assistant in PSME at De Anza.

Classified promotions

Trustees ratified the promotion of **Susan Boraston** to special project coordinator in Central Services Operations.

New classifications and reclassifications

The board ratified a new district classification for police dispatcher, and the following reclassifications – at Foothill for **Susan Almendarez**, evaluation specialist in Counseling & Student Success; **Roland Amit Jr.**, senior enrollment services supervisor in Enrollment Services; and **Sherri Mines**, international operations analyst in International Student Programs; at De Anza for **Carlita Alamban**, administrative assistant II in Student Services; **Marilyn Booye**, Disability Support Programs and Services supervisor; **Tamara Ehle**, multimedia coordinator in the President's Office; and **George Robles**, EOPS

supervisor in Student Services; and in Central Services for **Paul Aguilar**, technology services technician II in ETS, and **Stephen Padilla**, HVAC apprentice III in Operations.

New classified position

Trustees approved creation of a new position at Foothill College, research analyst in Counseling & Student Success.

Professional Growth Awards

The board ratified a Professional Growth Award for **Phuong Tran**, program coordinator II in the library at Foothill.

REPORTS & HEARINGS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

Public comments

Speaking as a resident of the district, Foothill College instructor **Ken Horowitz** suggested that trustees reconsider the long-term costs of building new district offices and an education center in Sunnyvale. He proposed that the chancellor's duties be assigned to other staff for a yearlong trial, called for faculty teaching overload information to be publicly reported to the board and urged trustees to improve faculty and staff compensation so the district can attract top applicants despite the high cost of living.

Staff comments

Foothill Classified Senate President **Karen Smith** reported that classified staff members have participated in summits held throughout the state to gather ideas for a new online tool, called the Professional Development Clearinghouse, which will provide professional development training for the system's faculty, staff and administrators. She said the statewide Classified Senate also has been invited to participate in two other initiatives spearheaded by the state Chancellor's Office, the Institutional Effectiveness Initiative and the Common Assessment Initiative. She reported that Foothill Program Coordinator **Maureen Chenoweth**, president of the statewide Classified Senate, recently took part in the inaugural advisory board meeting of the Success Center for California Community Colleges. She said she and Chenoweth plan to attend the Community College League of California's annual legislative conference later this month.

De Anza Academic Senate President **Mayra Cruz** reported that the Senate is proud to have approved a new General Education Statement of Philosophy that incorporates environmental sustainability and global citizenship, in keeping with the values and principles of the college.

De Anza Vice President of Instruction **Christina Espinosa-Pieb**, sitting in for President Brian Murphy, invited the audience to several upcoming events, including a daylong program on Social Justice, Equity & Basic Skills featuring speaker Dr. **Estella Mara Bensimon**, on Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Rooms A & B. She said the Euphrat Museum of Art is opening a new show, Mooncakes, Churros, and Cherry Pie, on Feb. 2 and will host a reception for the artists Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m. The Asian Pacific American Staff Association is hosting its 20th annual Lunar New Year Scholarship Luncheon on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Advance reservations are encouraged.

Vice President of Workforce Development **John Mummert**, sitting in for President Judy Miner, reported the next destination for Foothill's re-launched Campus Abroad Program is

Florence, Italy, in fall 2015. He noted that the college has reached 118 percent of its target for associate degrees for transfer. He said the target was 17 and there are 20 now.

Vice Chancellor of Technology **Joe Moreau** introduced **David Ulate**, the district's new executive director of institutional research and planning, who said he is thrilled to join the district's stellar institutional research team. A Sunnyvale resident, Dr. Ulate has worked as a high school mathematics teacher and basketball coach, a research analyst at Cañada College and interim dean of planning, research and institutional effectiveness at Skyline College. He holds a Ph.D. in education from the University of California, Davis; a master's degree in educational leadership from San José State University; and bachelor's degrees in math and Spanish from UC Davis.

Chancellor's comments

Chancellor **Linda Thor** reported that Foothill-De Anza will be well represented at the annual legislative conference of the Community College League of California Jan. 25-26 in Sacramento. She is co-presenting with San Diego Chancellor **Constance Carroll** in a breakout session on implementation of SB 850, the community college baccalaureate; **Pat James**, OEI executive director, will talk about the Online Education Initiative at a general session on statewide technology initiatives; and De Anza President **Brian Murphy** will deliver a keynote presentation on The Democracy Commitment.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees is Monday, Feb. 9, starting with a study session from 1-5 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 6 p.m. Both sessions will take place in the Toyon Room in the Campus Center at Foothill College. The Toyon Room is the board's new meeting location until further notice.

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