

# The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | SPRING QUARTER



**June 11, 2021**

Dear Colleagues,

The quarter is winding down, and though we are all very busy, this is the Parliament's favorite time of year. It has been such a joy to see students at the virtual year-end celebrations this week, including the Umoja and Harambee ceremony and the ASFC recognition event. The BSS celebration is today at 3 p.m. and other **celebrations will continue next week** -- please attend if you can. Our students are so incredible! We're also having an in-person pre-graduation goody bag pick-up event for students on June 21. Please **volunteer if you are available**.

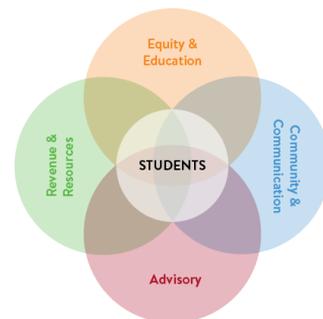
The college and the district continue to have conversations around a vaccine policy for students and employees. We will keep you updated as we learn more about this and the future of remote work.

Finally, we're having another vaccine clinic on campus tomorrow in collaboration with Walgreens. Please spread the word and encourage anyone who needs one to **make an appointment**. Walk-ins are also welcome!

## Governance

### Return to Campus Council

At the June 10 meeting, the RTC approved a motion to add a new item to the prioritization list - Debbie Lee's request for Theatre to have their summer musical indoors. The request was approved. Elaine Kuo presented the Student Planning Survey results. Simon and Bret updated the RTC about the EOC meeting, including vaccination campaigns and events. Bret presented a Smartsheet form for departmental PPE and supplies requests.



### Revenue & Resources Council

R&R council met for the last time of the school year on June 4. They received updates on the college bookstore, facilities request prioritization process, annual budget requests, how to process student requests relating to revenue and resources, and the Governor's May Revise budget. They also had a final reflection of **decisions that have been made by the council this year** and pluses and deltas for the voting members.

Please visit the [governance website](#) for meeting minutes, agendas and memos from President Nguyen in response to recommendations/memos from the shared governance councils.

## President's Cabinet Update

President's Cabinet met this week to discuss the following items:

- Summer and fall enrollment
- The student experience when returning to campus
- Reflections on higher education post-COVID
- Remote work and the need for improved technology in meeting spaces

## Academic Senate Update

*From Academic Senate President Kathryn Maurer*



The Foothill Academic Senate held its last meeting of the 2020-21 academic year on Monday, June 7th. At this meeting we shared the general election results, which ratified significant changes to the senate constitution/by-laws, and welcomed Paul Starer into the newly created position of Executive Vice President, and Ellen Judd as one of the two At-Large Part-Time Faculty Representatives (Senators). We also shared the news of Eric Kuehnl's reelection as Vice President of Curriculum (new title/same position).

Among the constitutional changes, the senate approved the expansion of the voting membership of the Executive Committee to include the ASFC President (or delegate), the Classified Senate President (or delegate), the faculty Chair of the Committee on Online Learning (COOL), the Faculty Professional Development Coordinator, an FA representative, and the SLO Coordinator (forthcoming).

The senate on Monday also passed two resolutions:

**Resolution on Institutional Support for Including OER as an Action to Mitigate Equity Gaps and Increase Student Success** which presents the rationale for viewing OER as a powerful equity/student success strategy, while also acknowledging the significant workload barrier faculty may face when switching away from high-cost publisher texts (and all their accompanying resources) to free or low cost materials. The senate is seeking collaborations with FA, the Office of Equity and Professional Development, and the Office of Instruction to explore options to support faculty in this work.

**Resolution on Online Proctoring Software at Foothill College**, which was brought to us by our fabulous Committee on Online Learning (COOL). This resolution is timely due to the discontinuance of the Proctorio license at the end of this month. Via this resolution, senate is advocating for an investment in support for faculty to transition away from online/remote proctoring tools, which have been proven to run counter to our equity values, rather than an investment in another online/remote proctoring software license. Senate also recognizes the significant impact on faculty who currently rely on Proctorio, and want to ensure support is provided during this transition.

## What's Happening Next Week?

### Saturday, June 12

- Vaccine Clinic

### Monday, June 14

- YWCA Presents: Healthy Relationships

### Tuesday, June 15

- Attorney & LGBTQ+ Advocate J.R. Freun
- Leadership as a Lifestyle w/ Assemblymember Evan Low
- VRC Year-End Celebration

### Wednesday, June 16

- Art & Wellness: Zentangle
- Transfer Celebration

### Thursday, June 17

- Supporting Our Trans Community Panel
- Tools for Transition & Work Celebration
- EOPS Celebration

### Friday, June 18

- STEM Division Awards Ceremony

## Foothill In the News...

Los Altos Town Crier: [Foothill set to host June 12 public vaccine clinic](#)

## Welcome Foothill's New Ethnic Studies Faculty Member



After transferring from community college, Ulysses Acevedo attended San Francisco State University, earning a B.A. in Latina/o Studies and an M.A. in Ethnic Studies. Informed by his own experience as the first person in his family to attend college, the focus of his research has been the role of identity-based student group participation on retention and completion rates for Chicano men at community colleges.

Over the last five years, he has taught courses at Chabot, Laney, and San Jose City Colleges in Ethnic Studies and Mexican and Latin-American Studies. These courses have included traditional face-to-face on-campus classes; both asynchronous and synchronous online classes; and dual-enrollment community college classes taught off-campus, including at middle, high, adult and continuation schools. He has also worked in multi-departmental committees on the development of Ethnic Studies curricula and the Ethnic Studies certification program at Chabot College.

He is deeply passionate about fostering and facilitating student groups. At Chabot, he worked closely with a student group, the Stay Woke Collective to organize four annual Ethnic Studies summits. In his time at Chabot, he also served on several

faculty working groups, including the Ethnic Studies Pathways Committee and the Latino Male Retention Committee.

Ulysses sees Ethnic Studies as a vital bridge between higher education and the communities that students are rooted in and he is excited to help grow the Ethnic Studies program at Foothill College.

### **Foothill Music Theatre Presents: *Our Favorite Things***



Foothill Music Theatre is back! Join us in the *zoom where it happens* with a streamed cabaret of hits from contemporary Broadway shows. The streaming performance will be available beginning tonight at 7:30 p.m. and will remain accessible through June 13.

Directed by Milissa Carey with music direction by Dan Feyer, this filmed cabaret stars some of FMT's favorite performers. [Reserve your tickets!](#)

### **Student Planning Survey Results**



The Institutional Research & Planning Office recently surveyed students on the return to campus to help plan for fall quarter.

[See the results on the IRP website.](#)

### **Volunteers Needed for Campus Pre-Graduation Event**



On Monday, June 21, from 2-6 p.m. we're hosting an on-campus pre-graduation celebration! Students are invited to pick up a Foothill goody bag and take photos with President Thuy.

We need volunteers to help any time between 12 and 7 p.m. If interested, [please sign up using this form.](#)

### **President Thuy on ACE Panel June 24**



President Thuy will be a panelist on the upcoming webinar *Inclusive Teaching for Equitable Learning*. Join the discussion with the American Council on Education (ACE) and the

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) on our collective responsibility to create a more equitable and just learning environment for all students. [Register for the webinar on June 24 at 9:30 a.m.](#)

### **Giant Snake Removed From KCI**



A new guest had to be removed from the KCI last week! A 7-foot bull snake took up residence near the elevator downstairs. No one was harmed in the process (though the snake will have to find a new home).

[Watch video of the snake removal](#)

## New Faculty Appointments to Umoja & Puente



The Office of Equity is very excited to announce the appointments of two faculty to the Puente and Umoja learning communities.

English instructor Hilda Fernandez will join the Puente team as the new faculty coordinator, serving with counseling co-coordinator Maritza

Jackson Sandoval.

Hilda's knowledge of cohort-based learning communities coupled with her background as a Puente alumnus makes her the perfect fit to join the Puente program. She will take over for English instructor Susie Huerta, a longtime member of the Puente team, who will be stepping down at the end of this year after many years of dedicated work establishing the program.



Dokesha Meacham joins the Umoja program as its new counselor, bringing her extensive experience as a counselor developing and leading programs that provide support, resources and intervention strategies to Foothill students. She will take over for Tracee

Cunningham, who is leaving the Umoja counseling position, after serving in the role for the past five years.

Current Psychology instructor Tiffany Rideaux will continue serving as Umoja's faculty coordinator. Kimberly Escamilla will continue as the English faculty teaching Umoja English sections. We appreciate the instrumental role Kimberly, along with English colleague Sam White, had in launching the Umoja program at Foothill College.

We are forever grateful for the dedication and commitment Kimberly, Tracee, and Susie have given over the years to serving the Umoja and Puente programs.

## Provide Feedback on the Draft Midterm Report

As part of the regular seven-year accreditation cycle, **Foothill College is due to submit its Midterm Report to ACCJC in October 2021.** We began this process in fall 2020 after Advisory Council convened a Midterm Study Group composed of classified staff, faculty, and administrators. The

Accreditation Steering Committee, which includes representatives from Academic Senate, Classified Senate, President's Office, and Office of Instruction, has compiled the study group's work into one document.



**You are invited to provide feedback on the draft Midterm Report.** Feedback will be collected on the webpage where the midterm report is posted. No experience with accreditation is necessary--this is an open process that welcomes everyone.

### [Read the Midterm Report DRAFT](#)

The **deadline** to submit feedback is **Wednesday, June 16.**

Final edits to the Midterm Report will conclude by the end of June. The Midterm Report will be submitted for Board approval at their August meeting.

If there are questions, email [fhaccreditation@fhda.edu](mailto:fhaccreditation@fhda.edu).



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