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Dear Colleagues,

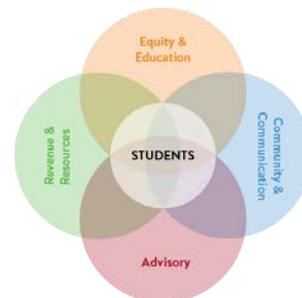
Our governance meetings are now fully back into the swing of things with E&E, R&R, and C&C all meeting today. The councils discussed everything from the Facilities Master Plan to service leadership, the Equity Strategic Plan, counseling support for Black students, the status of the college bookstore, and the scheduling of governance meetings themselves. In addition, the Emergency Operations Council (the 5th Council) is finalizing its membership and should convene its first meeting within a few weeks. As always, you are encouraged to join the meetings, and you can visit the [governance](#) website to review agendas and read meeting minutes.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the governance assessment survey that was distributed in December. If you would like to be interviewed for the shared governance evaluation, please go to this [link](#). The consulting team will start interviews next month.

## **Governance Updates**

### **Advisory Council**

The Advisory Council met on January 8th and the Council as usual had a packed agenda. President Nguyen reminded Advisory of previously approved hiring holds and proposals to lift holds for certain positions. More discussion is needed around these holds and will continue at the next meeting on 2/5. Advisory approved sending a temporary response to the Student Open Letter. A/C will agendize a discussion at the 2/5 meeting and create an official response to the student demands. Advisory also approved Faculty Prioritization after hearing a second read of the list presented by Dean Ram Subramaniam. Like the discussion around hiring holds, President Nguyen reminded A/C of the reorganization completed in prior budget cuts and requested A/C to assess the changes. Further information is needed before A/C will make a recommendation to President Nguyen. Further discussion will take place at the next Advisory meeting scheduled for 2/5. Ed Master Plan 2030 was moved to a future meeting and the meeting adjourned



## **Springternships Now Open!**

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## Apprenticeships Featured in Silicon Valley Business Journal



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## Nobel Laureate to Speak at Astronomy Series



Nobel-prize winner **Dr. John Mather**, the Senior Project Scientist on the James Webb Space Telescope, will give a free, illustrated, non-technical talk online on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. on the topic of "Cosmic Instability: How a Smooth Early Universe Grew into Everyone You Know."

The talk will be live streamed on YouTube. [More info](#)

## RSL Symposium Student Workshops

The RSL Symposium team is hosting a workshop series to prepare students for the annual event in May.

The first workshop, Discover, will introduce students to the event and help them get inspired and connect with others. The series runs Wednesdays & Fridays, Jan. 29-March 17, from 12-1 p.m. Sign up is required.

[Get workshop details](#)



Monday, Jan. 25: *The Plot Against America* Discussion

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Leadership & Equity Lecture Series

Wednesday, Jan. 27:  
International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Thursday, Jan. 28: Alumnus Nick Shafer, 2021 international Marshall Scholarship Recipient



## STEM Equity Seminars for Owls



Interested in equity, diversity, and inclusion issues in the STEM field? Join us for the first in a series of talks!

STEM Equity Seminars for Owls (SESO) is a series hosted by the STEM Division and Science Learning Institute and is open to students, faculty, and staff interested in these issues.

On Friday, Feb. 5, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. **Dr. Monica Z. Menzenski** will discuss "Navigating the Path to Industry: From Community College Student to Biopharmaceutical Scientist." Dr. Menzenski will also be available for follow-up sessions from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Please [RSVP here](#) so we can anticipate numbers. If you have any questions, please contact chemistry instructor [Christina Rotsides](#) or SLI director [Sophia Kim](#).

### Student Housing Survey

The district is conducting a student [housing survey](#) to better understand students' needs as the colleges explore options for more affordable housing. Please encourage students to fill out the survey -- it takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

### Foothill Walks & Talks

Would you like to **take a break** during your busy work day, **be more active**, and **build community** with your Foothill colleagues?

Then join us for  
**FOOTHILL WALKS AND TALKS!**

Our next **walk** is Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 12-1 p.m. (or really anytime during the week). The podcast is from NPR's Fresh Air. ['Doctors Blackwell' Tells The Story Of 2 Pioneering Sisters Who Changed Medicine.](#)



To record your walks and encourage your colleagues, join the Foothill Walk & Talks group on Strava.

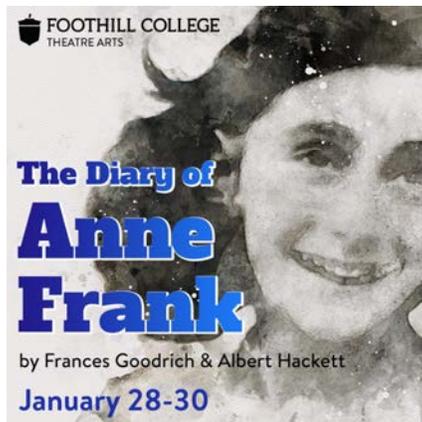
Then join us for a **Happy Hour talk** on Friday, Jan. 29, 5-6 p.m. BYO beverage and one thing you found interesting from the podcast!

### **Theatre Arts Presents *The Diary of Anne Frank***

The **Theatre Arts Department** will perform live readings of *The Diary of Anne Frank* Jan. 28-30 at 7:30 p.m. each night.

The stage adaption depicts the legendary trials and tribulations of the Frank and Van Daan families hiding from Nazi persecution in an Amsterdam attic. All events recorded and accounted through the perspective of a teenage girl who left her diary behind as history's echo.

Email [theatreboxoffice@fhda.edu](mailto:theatreboxoffice@fhda.edu) for show links.



### **Student Success PSA Competition**

ASFC is hosting a PSA competition to raise awareness of the pandemic's impact on virtual learning and engagement. Students can submit a video, film, song or art piece focusing on one of four areas: Shared Governance, Student Activities, Online Learning (Tips and Resources for the Virtual Classroom), and the COVID-19 Vaccine. Three winners will receive a \$500 prize.



Visit the website for [contest details](#) and help spread the word to students.

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