

The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | SPRING QUARTER



April 16, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

The Parliament hopes that you were able to participate in the District's Professional Development Day sessions. Dr. Joy DeGruy offered thoughtful analysis on how we can all better understand institutional racism. Her recommendation to "change fast, fail fast, and improve fast" is an exhortation that the Parliament found particularly powerful, especially in the light of the racial reckoning taking place across our country right now. Education tends to change direction with the agility of a super tanker, but Foothill College should be proud of its continuing commitment and investment in equity and the courageous conversations taking place across our campus.

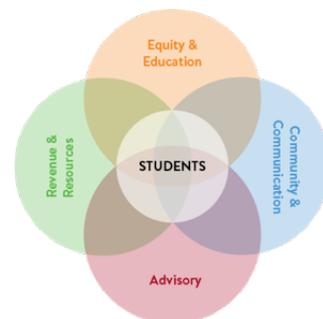
Another reason for optimism is the fact that many faculty and staff will be returning to work on campus next week. A big shout out to everyone who has been coordinating this effort, from the Scheduling Taskforce team, to the EOC, the Return to Campus Council, and the dozens of staff, administrators, and faculty who have been overseeing the planning work for months. If you are returning next week, please be sure to follow the [required guidelines](#), gel-in and gel-out, and stay safe.

Governance

Revenue & Resources

R&R Council met on Friday, April 9, and voted on two important issues. The council voted to approve a recommendation to maintain Foothill College Promise's "fee waiver" benefit for all qualifying students and to limit the textbook benefit for qualifying Puente, Umoja, foster youth, and EOPS students, including some part-time students.

The council also voted to approve a recommendation that the E&E Council work with the Equity office to identify and prioritize a list of equity initiatives with a dollar amount that could be funded by one-time carryover B budget funds and a recommendation that ongoing funding sources be identified for proposed positions. A third vote gave the go ahead to pull together the Facilities Master Plan task force to create a process for prioritizing the funding of items below the \$175 million line in the Measure G list. Updates were provided about the Facilities Master Plan, an active RFP for a vendor to take over the



bookstore, and a rental agreement with Khan lab school, a dual enrollment partner.

Please go to the [governance memos](#) page to read the latest memos from President Nguyen in response to recommendations/memos from the shared governance councils.

What's Happening Next Week?

Sunday, April 18

- [Last day to drop for full refund/credit](#)

Monday, April 19

- [Reel Bad Arabs](#)
- [The Biology of COVID-19](#)

Tuesday, April 20

- [SFSU Rep Visit](#)
- [Islamic Influence on Art History](#)
- [ICC Club Council](#)

Wednesday, April 21

- [ASFC Candidate Applications Due](#)
- [ASFC Elections Candidate Meeting](#)
- [Art & Wellness: Zentangle](#)
- [Guest Lecture: Kareem Syed - The 5 Pillars of Islam](#)
- [Business Innovation Challenge: Inspire](#)

Thursday, April 22

- [Ask Outreach Chat Hour](#)
- [ASFC Campus Council Weekly Meeting](#)
- [Guest Lecture: Sabreen Kadhim](#)

Friday, April 23

- [Immigration, Lawyering & Islam](#)

Learning Resource Center Services

The LRC offers free drop-in online tutoring via Zoom. Faculty and peer tutors are scheduled throughout the day to help students one-on-one in many subjects and topics. Please help spread the word and visit the

[LRC Canvas page](#) for a full list of our services, operating hours, and instructions for accessing the tutoring room.



PGA Credit for RSL Symposium

Did you know?

Staff and faculty can earn PGA/PAA credit for mentoring a student or group of students at the [Research & Service Leadership Symposium](#). The annual event takes place on Thursday, May 20.



Guided Pathways Program Mapping Event

Join us for Guided Pathways Program Mapping Day on Friday, April 23.

This hands-on, interactive workshop will be facilitated by our Regional Coordinator from the State Chancellor's Office, Amal Amanda Issa. Come with your most complex questions! To understand how and why we're creating default Program Maps, check out this 2-minute video.

You can choose to attend the morning session from 8:30-10:00 a.m. or the afternoon session from 12-1:30 p.m. where you will engage with your department faculty and a counselor to create a map. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Fatima Jinnah.



Business Innovation Challenge 2021

Spread the word! The Business Innovation Challenge is back for 2021. Students are invited to turn their innovative ideas into action to identify solutions to problems facing communities in need. The challenge has 4 workshops and 2 rounds of competition designed to help students learn how to grow their ideas. The first workshop *Inspire* is Wednesday, April 21, at 3 p.m. Email lewlaurence@foothill.edu or visit the website for details.



Job Openings at Foothill-De Anza

There are quite a few new job postings on the FHDA employment site. Go to <https://hr.fhda.edu/careers/> to view the announcements. Please be sure to let colleagues, locally and across the state, know about any job postings that might be of interest to them. A strong and diverse candidate pool for every position is good for our students and for our institution. You'll find faculty, staff, and administrative positions listed on the site and they are updated every week.

ASFC Elections Deadline is April 21

It's ASFC election time! Applications are open for all leadership positions and student trustee. The deadline is Wednesday, April 21, at 4 p.m.



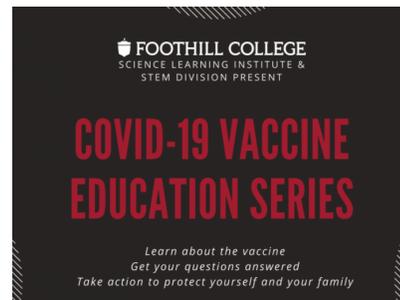
Election Details



STEM Equity Seminars for Owls is kicking off this quarter with a first talk on Friday, April 30, at 11 a.m., with astronomer **Dr. Heather Flewelling**. Check out the [SLI events webpage](#) for more information about Dr. Flewelling and her upcoming talk. In addition to the talk, there will be a chance for students and faculty/staff to sign up for a small group one on one with Dr. Flewelling from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Register for the Zoom link** for this and other talks this spring. The link will be posted publicly the morning of each session. Questions? Contact Christina Rotsides (rotsideschristina@fhda.edu), chemistry instructor.

STEM Vaccine Series

The [Science Learning Institute](#) and STEM Division are partnering on a *COVID-19 Vaccine Education Series* for April and May, on Mondays from 4-5 p.m.



The first talk will be on April 19 with Foothill's very own **Dr. Sara Cooper**, biology instructor, on the biology of COVID-19, the virus and vaccines. Check out [the webpage](#) for more information with the full schedule. Zoom link to come!

Foothill Walks & Talks

Foothill Walks & Talks will meet next on Friday, April 30, to discuss [Post-Pandemic Paradise in Rapa Nui](#).

What happens to a tourist paradise when no one shows up to visit? Rapa Nui, known to many as Easter Island, typically welcomes more than 120,000 visitors each year—which is a lot for a place with only 10,000 residents. After COVID-19 shuts down flights to this remote island, citizens reimagine what their lives, their livelihood, and their home can be without tourism



— and dream of what a post-pandemic paradise economy might look like.

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



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