

The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | SPRING QUARTER



April 30, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

It has been an exciting week on campus as our student athletes have been returning for health checks in preparation for conditioning classes to begin on Monday, May 3. The Parliament sends a big shout out to Dean Debbie Lee, Athletic Director Mike Teijeiro, Athletic Trainers Warren Voyce and Michelle Schukraft, and to the coaches and staff (Liz Hunter!), and Dr. Kristy Lisle, and Kurt Hueg for working so hard to make this possible. It's so nice to see more students back on campus!

Please be sure to tell friends, family, and complete strangers about the second virtual [Day on the Hill](#), scheduled for Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. We have invited the local community to join us to learn more about why Foothill is the smarter choice. There will be presentations on transfer, financial aid, our learning communities, and athletics, as well as virtual campus tours and Spanish-language rooms. Thank you to all the faculty and staff who will be participating in this annual recruiting event.

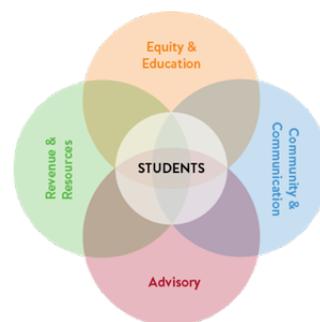
Finally, for those of you who have an interest in fiscal matters, the FHDA District just received the highest possible Bond Rating (AAA) from Standard and Poor's. In addition to a successful General Obligation Bond sale, the refinancing of our 2012, 2014, and 2016 series' sales has saved taxpayers a total of \$26.6 million. Huge kudos to the district finance team and to Bret Watson, Elias Regalado, and their team here at Foothill.

Governance

Equity & Education Council

E & E last met on Friday, April 23.

The committee read and discussed the APAN statement on anti-Asian racism and the demands listed including the disaggregating API data and professional development to learn more about the Model Minority Myth for Asians and Asian Americans and how harmful this myth is.



The committee also discussed the request from the R & R council to provide a process on how to spend the carryover B-Budget funds for equity and enrollment

initiatives. E & E noted that there needs to be more time and more intentionality with creating action plans that support the Strategic Vision for Equity. Until these plans exist, money should not be spent on equity initiatives. R & R members were in attendance during this discussion and will bring this item back for discussion at the next R & R meeting.

The committee also noted that discussions in E & E were moving away from racial equity, that they should be centered on race and that the agenda items should involve dialogue, rather than just informational items.

Updates were given on:

- POWER Grant and professional development from Lené Whitley-Putz, Dean of Online Learning
- OWLS Scholars and Starfish from Chris Chavez, Support Specialist, and Dokesha Meacham, Counselor
- Guided Pathways from Isaac Escoto, Counselor
- New Land Acknowledgment written by Anthropology Professor

Michael Wilcox & members of the local Muwekma Ohlone tribe

Return to Campus Council

At this week's RTC Council meeting, there was a reading of a letter from a student urging the campus to provide a quiet and safe space for studying for those unable to do so at home. Allied Health students requested on-campus graduations for their programs, and EOC presented updates from their meeting. Kristy Lisle provided details on returning summer classes, and Leticia Maldonado outlined the student COVID Health Assessment Form.

Governance Memos

4.27.21 [C&C Memo Re: Student Quad Chair Resolution & Compensation](#)

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

What's Happening Next Week?

Monday, May 3

- [Grad Fest!](#)
- [Debunking Vaccine Myths](#)

Tuesday, May 4

- [ICC Club Council](#)
- [International Student Transfer Fair](#)

Wednesday, May 5

- [Art & Wellness: Zentangle](#)
- [FIDM Rep Virtual Visit](#)

Thursday, May 6

- [API Heritage Month Opening Ceremony](#)
- [Fighting Back Against Anti-Asian Violence & Hate Speech](#)
- [Ask Outreach Chat Hour](#)
- [ASFC Campus Council Weekly Meeting](#)
- [Make: Business Innovation Challenge Workshop](#)
- [Humanities Mellon Scholars Info Session](#)

Saturday, May 8

- [Day on the Hill Open House](#)

Foothill In The News...

[Assistance League helps local college students with living expenses](#)



The 61st Annual Commencement Ceremony will be held virtually on Friday, June 25. To participate in the ceremony, students must petition to graduate by Wednesday, May 12. For other important graduation information, visit the [website](#).

ASFC Voting Begins Monday

Online voting for Associated Students of Foothill College opens Monday, May 3, at 8 a.m. and closes Thursday, May 6, at 2 p.m. Please encourage students to vote for their ASFC representatives! [More info](#)



Student Health Assessment in Mobile App

Certain athletics course will be returning to campus on Monday. In order to be on campus, students must submit a daily health assessment using the MODO mobile app. Employees will still use the Optimum HQ app. [Directions to download Optimum HQ](#)



Classified Professionals Day on May 14

Join us for a full day of fun and learning, with a focus on Building Community & Relationships from Home.

[Check out the program](#) and [drop a note](#) to let the team know if you're planning to attend.



Free Broadband for Pell Students

The FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Program will open on May 12. Eligible households—which include those with a Pell Grant recipient or that have experienced significant income loss since February 2020—can receive substantially subsidized broadband service.

Visit <https://getemergencybroadband.org> for details.



KFJC Celebrates 40th Month of Mayhem

Foothill College radio station KFJC 89.7 FM (and online at KFJC.org) is excited to present our 40th anniversary edition of the Month of Mayhem. Beginning this Saturday, Mayhem 1, we will be airing more than 45 specials crafted by KFJC volunteers. Finally, we are debuting our KFJC radio drama troupe: The Pandemic Players led by **Nick Muntean**. Performances will be sprinkled throughout the month and include reworkings of vintage scripts and two new pieces from San Francisco Bay Area authors.



Be A Transfer Advocate

Guided Pathways, Counseling, and Academic Senates are collaborating on *Be a Transfer Advocate* on Friday, May 21, at 10 a.m.

This event will focus on recent CCC transfer research by the RP Group, and will be an opportunity for the various campus constituencies to collaborate in support of student transfer. Event outcomes are as follows: Attendees will learn about various transfer services at Foothill, the important parts we can play in supporting student transfer, and identify actions we can implement to further contribute to transfer success. This collaborative event will bring together various campus constituencies so as to recognize each other's roles in supporting student transfer, and how we might best work together to help our students meet their goals. Check your Outlook calendar for Zoom details!



State Education Committee Votes to Fund Law Pathway

On April 28, the State Senate Education Committee unanimously voted 'Yes' to

fund the Diversity Law Pathway Program request (SB 770 - Roth) for \$10 million.

President Nguyen, along with the Cal LAW Board, put forward this request and testified on behalf of the proposal. [Hear the deliberations](#) starting at 1:26:45. This money will be a huge help as Law Pathway programs work to diversify the legal profession in California.

Immigration Town Hall Looking for Panelists

The Family Engagement Institute (FEI) in partnership with the Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) is hosting an Immigration Town Hall to discuss immigration-related issues and gain meaningful insight into how to best support our immigrant community.



We are looking for Foothill students and staff who have been touched by immigration (i.e. first gen, undocumented, DACAmented, mixed-status) to share their experience and reflect on how Foothill can offer authentic and effective support for immigrants. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact us at fei@fhda.edu or 650.949.7463.

Mellon Scholars Recruiting

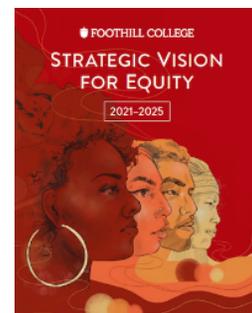
Humanities Mellon Scholars is a transfer support program and learning community for students interested in building a strong foundation in the humanities to support the major of their choice. Mellon Scholars earn a Certificate of Achievement in Humanities, complete university transfer requirements, work with a designated faculty advisor and get guaranteed admission to the University of San Francisco.



Please encourage students to attend an info session on Thursday, May 6. Details on the [Humanities Mellon Scholars website](#).

Check Out the Equity Plan Mini-Site

The Strategic Vision for Equity is now available as a [standalone mini-website](#). The marketing team hopes to use this template for other large college documents, to make for easier editing and full accessibility for users. The PDF document and executive summary are still available on the website. Please take a look and let us know what you think! Special thank you to designer and developer **Jolie Theall** for creating the site.



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. Email lewlaurence@foothill.edu or visit the [website](#) for details.



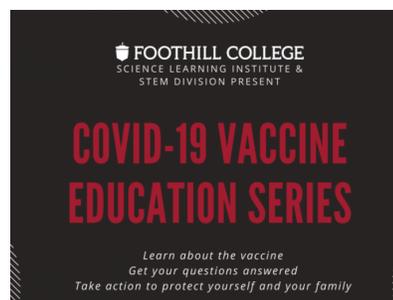
Job Openings at Foothill-De Anza

There are quite a few new job postings on the FHDA employment site. Go to the [district's careers webpage](#) 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.

Vaccine Education Series

In part 3 of the *COVID-19 Vaccine Education Series*, join us on [Zoom](#) on Monday, May 3, at 4 p.m. to hear **Dr. Peter Hotez** from Baylor University, an expert on vaccines, on *Debunking Vaccine Myths*.

Dr. Hotez has been on national news and programs like *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*, and he is joining us live at Foothill! Check out [the webpage](#) for more information with the full schedule as well as recordings of past sessions. Sponsored by the [Science Learning Institute](#) and STEM Division.



Foothill Walks & Talks

Foothill Walks & Talks will meet TONIGHT at 5 p.m. to discuss [Post-Pandemic Paradise in Rapa Nui](#).

Join via Zoom

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.





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