

The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | FALL QUARTER



September 17, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Well, it has been a long haul, but more classes are finally returning to campus on Monday! The Parliament has been overjoyed to see so many colleagues back on campus over the last few days and everyone's enthusiasm has been a tonic in these troubled times.

If you were able to join the Re-Opening Day festivities today, either in person or online, please be sure to pass on a big thank you to everyone who made the day possible. Thank you **Julie Ceballos** and **Jerry Robredo** in Marketing. Thank you to **Diana Cohn** and **Nick Muntean** who assembled the fantastic gift bags, staffed the welcome table and who have also been working on campus for months to distribute PPE (along with **Nila Nine!**). A big thank you to **Veronica Casas Hernandez** for coordinating everything, and to ETS, the Plant Services team, Pacific Dining (welcome back!) and First Floor Group (led by Roy Robles) for a technically sophisticated production! Thank you to CS President, **Adrienne Hypolite** and CS VP **Janie Garcia**, AS President, **Kathryn Maurer**, and ASFC President **Fatai Heimuli** for their thoughtful comments about the last 19 months and optimism for 2021-22. And thank you to Board of Trustees President **Peter Landsberger** and Student Trustee **Rachel Homayonfar**. The event was attended by 140 people on campus and 190 virtually!

The Parliament also hopes you were able to join Flex Day on Wednesday. Thank you to **Laurie Scolari** and **Kurt Hueg** for organizing the day and to **Antoinette Chavez** for making sure everything went smoothly. **Milissa Carey** and **Bruce McLeod** helped provide music from the recent production of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Thank you also to our students **Jayme Albritton** and **Josh Contreras** for a timely reminder of our priorities. The Parliament looks to the future with confidence knowing that young people like Jayme and Josh will be our future leaders.

Have a wonderful weekend, and the Parliament wishes you a fulfilling and safe fall quarter! Whether you are online or on campus, we will all be working hard to support our students and each other.

President's Cabinet Update

The President's Cabinet has primarily discussed the campus vaccination requirement over the last two sessions. Other topics:

- Vaccination upload (PyraMed)
- Exemptions to the vaccination mandate (vetting the requests)
- HEERF funds to pay for COVID testing and hiring additional staff
- Winter scheduling
- Return to campus coordination and support for faculty and staff

Proof of Vaccination Required On Campus

As a reminder, all Foothill employees and students working on or coming to campus **must be vaccinated and complete a health assessment before coming to campus.**

Students and employees can upload proof of vaccination using the PyraMed app in MyPortal. Students will use the Foothill app to complete the self-assessment, and employees can use Optimum HQ.



[Instructions for Employees](#)
[Instructions for Students](#)

Student Services Hours

Certain Student Services will be available on campus for the first two weeks of the quarter. Both Pacific Dining and KJ's will be on campus for the entire quarter. To see the full list of Student Services, including office hours, [visit the website](#).



Bookstore Transition Update

The transition to a new Bookstore operation is moving forward, with plans for a new online store and textbook adoption procedures that will take effect for Winter Quarter. **The college's new partner, [Follett Higher Education Group](#), will begin operating the bookstore online on Oct. 21.** However, in-person services will be limited and/or by appointment for textbook pick-up or other services.



For more info on the Bookstore transition, [visit the website](#).

Welcome Week 2021

Monday

- **Coffee Cart with the Foothill Family!**
(9 AM - 1 PM on campus)



Tuesday

- **Coffee Cart with the Foothill Family!**
(9 AM - 1 PM on campus)
- **FHDA Student Town Hall.**
(12 - 1:30 pm on Zoom)
- **Clubs Info Session: Welcome to Foothill Clubs**
(4 - 5 PM on Zoom)



Wednesday

- **College Hour: Pep Rally & ASFC Inauguration**
(12 - 12:30 PM on Zoom)



Thursday

- **Boba Tea w/. President Thuy**
(12 - 1 PM on Zoom)
- **ASFC Student Government Open House**
(3 - 4 PM on Zoom)



https://foothill.edu/asfc/events.html for more information & zoom access!

President's Briefings

President Nguyen will hold briefings daily at noon through the first two weeks of the quarter. Check your Outlook calendar for Zoom details. If you would like to watch a briefing you might have missed, they will be available on the [website](#).



Dental Hygiene Clinic Open for Fall

The Dental Hygiene Clinic reopens Tuesday, Sept. 21. Students can receive free teeth cleaning and x-rays. [See the website](#) and email dentalhygieneclinic@foothill.edu to schedule an appointment.

Astronomy Series Available as Podcasts

The long-running Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture series is now available as a podcast!

[Listen here](#) and watch the [astronomy website](#) for news about upcoming talks and events.



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