Foothill Academic Senate Committee Reports

Prepared for the meeting of May 15, 2017

**Announcements**:

* Adjunct Celebration Dinner May 19…
* Second call: If you have new full time faculty hires in your division, please make every effort to identify the discipline faculty who will serve, and pass this along to your senator so they may bring names forward for confirmation. Our goal is to set up the committees to hit the ground running in the Fall.

Student Learning Outcomes Committee

*Reported by liaison Carolyn Holcroft*

* No meeting since last report. Next meeting May 22 at 12:30PM in the Toyon Room.

Student Equity Workgroup

*Reported by tri-chair Micaela Agyare*

Met Tuesday, May 2. Faculty in attendance were Micaela Agyare, Sara Cooper, Kimberly Escamilla, John Fox, Hilda Fernandez, Katie Ha, Tess Hansen, Carolyn Holcroft, JR Jimenez, Rosa Nguyen, Sandhya Rao, and Sam White.

The SEW got an update on Kathryn Maurer’s Applied Anthropology class which engages service learning. Students in her class will be exploring issues in the Foothill SEP to select an area of focus for their research projects. The Core Mission Workgroup objectives for the year were presented and will be to continue to enhance the ethos of equity across campus; support professional development; review funding requests; and collaborate with campus research to develop an equity research agenda.

There were several reports to the SEW at this meeting: Rosa Nguyen and Sandhya Rao presented on their efforts to support equity within the Chemistry Department, both the FYE and Umoja Learning Communities presented the first read of their budget proposals for the coming year, and Elaine Kuo presented the budget implications should the college commit to funding the 6.5 full time equity positions. Should all of these positions be filled, there would be no student equity funds for other initiatives recommended in the SEP. At the next meeting the SEW will consider these implications and discuss the priorities of the budget.

Next Meeting: May 16th 1:30-3:30pm Room 6501.

PaRC

(reported by Carolyn Holcroft)

PaRC met [May 3, 2017](http://www.foothill.edu/president/parc/minutes/parc2016-17/05.03.17/PaRC_Agenda_05.03.17.pdf). Faculty representatives present included Micaela Agyare, Debbie Lee, Cleve Freeman, and Carolyn Holcroft. Of note:

Proposed time change for PaRC meetings: it is important for our Vice President of Instruction to be at PaRC, and the VPI is also the administrative rep to FA negotiations. Both PaRC and negotiations meet at the same time on Wednesdays. There was a proposal to move PaRC to a later time on Wednesdays, but the feedback was this would limit participation from students and faculty. Mondays opposite academic and classified senate meetings was also raised as a possibility. At the end of discussion, it was agreed that as a campus we will review scheduling as a part of our Accreditation Focus Essay on participatory governance.

Reports: Andrew LaManque and Paul Starer shared Foothill’s draft accreditation self-study and quality focus essay. Please continue to encourage broad review among constituents, and pass your feedback along to Andrew and Paul.

Thuy shared a draft of the proposed strategic objectives for 2017-2018. It will be posted on the college web site and feedback is encouraged.

<http://www.foothill.edu/president/governance.php>

The next PaRC meeting will be 5/18 at 1:30PM in the President’s Conference Room.

Student Success Collaborative

*Reported by liaison Carolyn Holcroft*

No meeting since last report.

* Questions? Contact [Carolyn Holcroft](mailto:holcroftcarolyn@foothill.edu?subject=Student%20Success%20Collaborative)

## District-Level Committees

FHDA Board of Trustees

*Reported by FH Academic Senate President Carolyn Holcroft*

The BoT met Monday, May 1, 2017. The agenda is available via [Board Docs](http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/fhda/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AK3TWR7945B9).

A number of **new full time faculty hires** were approved (as listed below).

PSME

Matthew Litrus (math)

Geoffrey Matthews (astronomy)

Daniel Nghiem (math)

Ronald Painter (chemistry)

DRC & Vet Program

Benjamin Schwartzman

The board also approved many **new adjunct faculty hires**:

Biological and Health Sciences

Rebecca Ryan

Business and Social Sciences

Kate Beal

Michael Chang

Gina Firenzi

Christopher Makler

Chen Wang

DRC & Vet Program

Shirley Hollis

Patricia Mayall

Alexander Meyer

Jorel Thomson

FA&C

Marian Berthoud

Judith Walgren

Kinesiology and Athletics

Virginia Munday

Melissa Slayter

Language Arts

Ruyuan Chu

PSME

Tushar Chandra

Konstantinos Kalaitzidis

John Kolen

Katherine Walker

Chia Hsuan Wu

You may review the entire human resources report at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/fhda/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ALMNAL5EBD5B>

**The board heard a proposal from Bloom Energy Firm:**

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/fhda/Board.nsf/files/ALKRA46C4798/$file/Foothill_De_Anza_Summary-_Bloom_April_2017.pdf>

Here’s the Executive Summary from the proposal:

1. Install 1,000 kW Bloom system at Foothill and De Anza College campuses to offset electricity currently purchased from PG&E
2. Over 15 years, electricity from Bloom is expected to save the District over $2.4MM compared to PG&E
3. Improve the District’s sustainability efforts by decreasing carbon emissions by 22% compared to the California grid
4. Align with Foothill – De Anza’s value of innovation by installing the world’s most efficient electricity generation system

There was a lengthy question and answer period following their presentation. The board requested additional information to be brought back to the next board meeting.

If you have feedback about the proposal, please let Carolyn Holcroft know so she may share it with the Board.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 12 at 6PM in the Toyon Room.

District Academic Senate

Next meeting TBA

Academic and Professional Matters Committee

*Reported by FH Academic Senate President Carolyn Holcroft*

No meeting since last report. Next meeting May 19 at 1:30PM in the President’s Conference Room

Chancellor’s Advisory Council

*Reported by FH Academic Senate President Carolyn Holcroft*

No meeting since last report. Next meeting May 19 at 2:30PM in the President’s Conference Room