



Mission Informed Planning Council (MIP C) Minutes

General Meeting 1-3 pm

Admin Conference room #1901

February 7, 2025

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Attendees:		
<p>In-person: Elaine Kuo, Kristina Whalen, Catalina Rodriguez, Bret Watson, Patrick Morriss, April Henderson, Kofi Weusijana, Jordan Fong, Stacy Gleixner, Ajani Byrd, Doreen Finkelstein, Simon Pennington, April Henderson, Jordan Fong, Michael Chang, Antoinette Chavez, Brian Robertson, Felipe Camacho, Rick McMahon, Jonathan McMahon, Paul Johnson</p> <p>On-line: Voltaire Villanueva, Asha Jossis, Clifton Der Bing, Fatima Jinnah, Josh Pelletier, Laurie Scolari, Lene Whitley-Putz, Patty Mendoza, Peter Chow, Phuong Tran, Robert Lanz, Sharon Garcia-Vega, Vanessa Santillan-Nieto, Zara Ainge, Shahana Shaik</p>		
Item	Presenter	Description
<p>Chair: Kristina Whalen</p> <p>Facilitator: Doreen Finkelstein</p>		To discuss campus updates, initiatives, and address key issues facing Foothill College, including dining services feedback, accreditation status, campus improvement projects, and affinity group reports.
Approval of agenda		
Approval of the minutes		
Student Voice		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new marketing team has been formed within student government to handle advertising for events and improve campus communications. • The Elections Officer and Archivist positions are nearly filled, strengthening student government capacity. • The Winter Ball is planned for February 27th with a "Retro Rewind Disco" theme, continuing a second-year tradition. • Student representative Zara was commended for her strong performance at a legislative conference in Sacramento, where she represented Foothill College and students statewide on important issues.
<p>Affinity Group Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAN • OLA • AAN 	<p>Jordan Fong Catalina Rodriguez April Henderson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAN (Asian Pacific American Network) is hosting an appreciation event and book tour focusing on Asian American experiences, including a

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RAN (Rainbow Alliance Network) 	Clifton Der Bing	<p>presentation by Dr. Oiyen Poon on "Asian Americans on a Club."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OLA (Organización Latino Americana) is organizing "Noche de Comunidad" events to support Latinx students and a fundraiser called "Voces Unidas" for the immigrant community. The Rainbow Alliance Network (formerly LGBTQ+) has opened two new all-gender restrooms on campus, fulfilling a 2020 student resolution. Affinity groups are collaborating on a joint statement against discrimination, emphasizing their commitment to civil rights and social justice for marginalized groups.
Old Business		
Dining Services Feedback	Catalina Rodriguez and Pacific Dining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Dining is open to extending hours beyond the current 7:30am-2:30pm window, based on student and staff feedback. A new online ordering system is available but underutilized; efforts will be made to promote this service. <p>Next Step: Pacific Dining will explore extended hours availability based on feedback received.</p>
New Business		
Discussion of campus support during spate of federal actions	All committee discussion	
BREAK		
Building Naming Proposal	Kristina Whalen and April Henderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is broad support for naming the Student Services Building after Jean Thomas, recognizing her significant impact on the institution and students. The proposal highlights Thomas's commitment to transforming the lives of underrepresented and vulnerable students. Academic Senate, Classified Senate, and ASFC (Associated Students of Foothill College) are expected to formally endorse the proposal, strengthening the case for approval.

		<p>Next Step: Campus constituencies will follow up on the Jean Thomas building naming proposal with formal endorsements.</p>
OLA Letter for Latine Data and Support	Catalina Rodriguez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OLA submitted a letter to President Whalen requesting support/data to help identify their student population. • The other Affinity Groups would like to collaborate with OLA in signing an “anti-discrimination statement”.
Regular Business		
Committee Reports		
Institutional Effective Committee	Elaine Kuo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foothill College received reaffirmation of accreditation for 18 months, with a follow-up report due in March 2026. • The college must demonstrate implementation of procedures to regularly assess learning outcomes for courses, programs, certificates, and degrees. • A faculty-led work group is moving swiftly to address compliance issues related to learning outcome assessment. • The college is building towards 2024 accreditation standards, which focus on equitable attainment of learning outcomes and achievement of educational goals. <p>Next Step: The college will work to develop an accreditation follow-up report draft by December 2025 to address compliance issues.</p>
Buildings, Grounds, and Sustainability	Bret Watson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bamboo Garden cleanup is underway to improve accessibility and aesthetics. • Two new all-gender restrooms have been opened on campus, one near the Lohman Theater and another in the library. • Sunnyvale Center renovations are starting in March, with completion targeted for Fall 2026. The project will include upgrades to office spaces and classrooms, with plans to relocate respiratory therapy and radiological technology programs to this area.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A potential pool upgrade project is being considered to create a full aquatic center with an Olympic-sized pool and spectator stands. <p>Next Step: Campus improvement projects will continue, with a focus on Sunnyvale Center renovations and potential pool upgrades.</p>
Standing Reports		
Taskforces and Workgroup Reports	District Committees Foothill 2030/IEPI Bookstore Taskforce MIPC 13 – 55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follett is considering ways to improve textbook and art supply availability, potentially through partnerships with faculty. • Discussions are ongoing about potentially reducing the physical bookstore footprint and exploring online options for the future. <p>Next Step: The college will explore options for optimizing bookstore space utilization and potentially shifting towards more online services.</p>
Announcements		
Adjourned		