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FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | FALL QUARTER



Week 8: Nov. 13, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Chancellor Miner's recent letter confirmed that we will remain a (mostly) virtual college through the spring 2021 quarter. While we would all love to return to campus, the current spike in COVID-19 infections and the fact that we do not yet have a reliable timeline for a vaccine program makes it very difficult to imagine any larger-scale return before July 2021. This announcement provides clarity so our students, faculty, and staff can now plan accordingly.

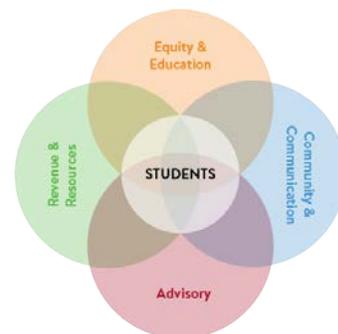
In addition, the Foothill-De Anza District decided to opt out of spring 2021 athletic competition. This was a very difficult decision, but was taken with the health and safety of our students and staff firmly in mind. There is a possibility that we could start conditioning classes in the spring and the district will assess this possibility in the winter quarter. Thank you to everyone who has been engaged in conversations around the return to campus. None of us has been in this situation before, but if we continue to move forward with kindness and understanding we can overcome any obstacle.

Governance Update

C&C and E&E are scheduled to meet next Friday, Nov. 20.

Revenue & Resources Council

At its Nov. 6 meeting, the R&R Council had the return to campus discussion, which would be continued in future meetings. Facilities Master Plan and bond priorities list updates were provided. Apprenticeship certificates of achievement programs were presented and supported by the Council. The Council also approved the proposal to transition the Foothill College bookstore to the "contract management" model of operation by Summer 2021 as long as staffing can be negotiated satisfactorily. The council also approved two requests from Admin Council for return to campus, which would have allowed Athletics to start conditioning in January 2021 and could allow KCI to maintain the equipment in the Makerspace as early as November or December.



The R&R Council had a special meeting today to discuss the 12 demands from the Student Letter to Governance. The members expressed strong support for the student letter and identified a list of items to be discussed at the Dec. 4 meeting related to the carryover fund.

Professional Development Opportunity: A2MEND Webinar

The Office of Equity and Professional Development is pleased to announce an exciting professional development opportunity! We can fund registration fees for up to 25 people to attend the Saturday, Nov. 21, A2MEND webinar, "Transitioning from Anti Blackness to Pro Black."

We ask that recipients attend one of two follow-up debrief sessions with Foothill Colleagues:

- Monday, Nov. 23 from 2 - 3:15 p.m., or
- Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



💰 In addition, part-time faculty will receive a stipend of \$31.25 for participating in the one hour and fifteen minutes debrief session.

★ All participants will receive a certificate of attendance that they can use for PGA credit at Foothill.

Please sign up using this [Google form](#).

Humanities Mellon Scholars Info Sessions Next Week

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 next Thursday, Nov. 19 or Friday, Nov. 20. Details on the [Humanities Mellon Scholars website](#).

Foothill Walks & Talks

Foothill Walks & Talks will return next week. Details to come!

Now Recruiting for Contact Tracing Corps

This fall, the college launched a free Contact Tracing and Case Investigation course to help meet the demand for trained contact tracers during the COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure ongoing support for contact tracers and recruitment of new students into this program, **Dr. Rebecca Ryan** will head the new Foothill College Contact Tracing Corps.



This service leadership group of dedicated volunteers will train and actively work two days per week (Friday through Monday) as contact tracers, earning paid stipends. Students and community members are encouraged to apply.

[Learn more about the CTC](#)

Listen, Learn, & Level-Up Follow-Up Panel on Nov. 19

You're invited to the College Opening Day Student Takeover follow-up panel on **Thursday, Nov. 19, at 12 p.m.** We wanted to create a larger discussion forum based on the topics presented at College Opening Day this year, and want you to join panelists **Jayme Albritton, Moremi Mabogunje, Mariam Touni, Abhiraj Muhar, Joshua Contreras, and Priya Vasu** in a follow-up discussion.

We will have a panel as well as an open forum Q&A, so this is YOUR chance to ask any questions you may have!

[Join by Zoom](#)

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Community Town Hall Nov. 19

Please join **President Thuy Thi Nguyen** and members of the campus administration on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. for a meeting with our local community. We will present our Measure G Bond spending priorities and also talk about our ongoing efforts to ensure our students are properly supported as we continue to provide instruction and all services remotely. We will also be available to answer any questions you might have about both these topics.

[Join by Zoom](#) at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This Week's Events

Monday, Nov. 16: *Smoke Signals*
Film Discussion

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Native American
Heritage Month Lecture Series

Wednesday, Nov. 18: The Music of
Medicine Road

Thursday, Nov. 12: Humanities Mellon
Scholars Info Session

Check the [events calendar](#) for Zoom details.



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