

The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | FALL QUARTER



Week 5: Oct. 23, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

This week's action-packed Parliament has our first updates from the Governance Councils. Please tune in every week to find out about the latest topics of discussion and recommendations to President Nguyen. You'll note that Advisory Council will be devoting several meetings to hearing the 2019/20 Program Review presentations and that the combined Advisory and Revenue and Resources Councils recommended that the provisional budget reduction proposal be adopted. Revenue and Resources met twice in early October and made a recommendation to approve the Measure G projects list. Please join the Governance meetings if your schedule allows. You can find information on each council's meeting schedule on the [Governance](#) home page.

There is plenty to read this week. Check out Sophia Kim's Science Learning Institute newsletter and be sure to read the latest edition of our student literary magazine, *Creative Release*. As always, please let the Parliament know what you are up to; we love to share the achievements of our students and colleagues with the whole campus.

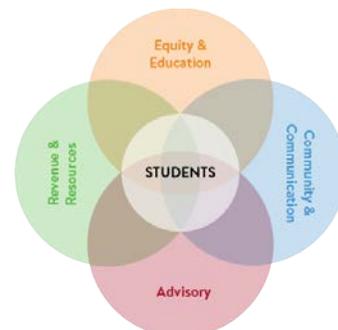
Have a great weekend and don't forget to vote early!

Governance Update

Advisory Council:

Oct. 9

The Advisory Council had its first meeting of the year on 10/9. We received an update from Kristy Lisle on IP&B/Program Review, both in terms of the need of Advisory Council to hear the 19-20 presentations of the comprehensive program reviews that were delayed due to COVID in the spring, and also the ongoing work on preparing Student Services Program templates for the comprehensive reviews for this year. AC will hear the 19-20 presentations at a special meeting on the 10/30, and during our regular meeting on 11/6, and these presentations will take up those entire meetings. IP&B is continuing to meet to launch year 2, which included creating the new templates for student services program, and that work is nearly complete. A question/concern



was raised about the makeup of IP&B, as it was acknowledged that the only faculty rep now attending regularly is Academic Senate President, Kathryn Maurer.

We also heard a [presentation](#) on Accreditation from Elaine Kuo, Foothill's Accreditation Officer. We voted to approve an Accreditation Study Group, to be chaired by Elaine, to start work on the Mid-Term Report. We also voted to approve the [faculty prioritization process](#) for 20-21.

Revenue and Resources Council:

Oct. 16

On 10/16/20, the R&R Council met for the second read of the Measure G bond priorities list. Council members and non-members raised questions and concerns about prioritization of such items as the Student and Faculty Support Center and KCI roof. There was also discussion about whether items could be moved up in the priority list if related to return to campus. Members voted to approve the bond priorities list with a few edits, which will be outlined in a memo to President Nguyen.

Oct. 9

The first meeting of the new school year of the R&R Council was held on 10/9. Student leaders shared two resolutions: one on gender neutral bathrooms and one about affordable housing. The Council confirmed its priority list for the year which included updates to the Facilities Master Plan, the Return to Campus Plan, as well as addressing the use of carry over funds for equity work. Two new Pharmacy Technician programs were presented (new pathways for dual enrollment, certifications, and licensure – the Basic Pharmacy Technician Certificate and the Pharmacy Assistant Certificate) which R&R fully supported. Bret Watson provided an update on the Facilities Master Plan and Measure G bond priorities list, as well as the need for a Return to Campus study group. Elias Regalado shared an update on the status of bookstore. Bret Watson provided an explanation on carryover funds in order to start the discussion on how we could use carryover funds to forward an equity agenda at the college. There will be a lot more discussion to come.

Combined Advisory and Revenue and Resources Councils:

The joint councils hosted a Town Hall on 10/14 to review the [Guiding Principles for Budget Reduction](#), and Bret Watson's [Budget Reduction Proposal](#). There was minimal feedback from the Town Hall. The joint councils then met on Friday 10/16 and voted to approve the Budget Reduction Proposal, with the stipulation that if/when these cuts are required by the District, the joint councils would then be engaged to review and recommend how the \$2.35 million proposed cut to the B Budget would be shared by divisions and programs.

The joint councils are not planning on meeting again until January and/or if there is an emerging need arising related to budget reductions. Going forward President Nguyen has suggested that Advisory Council be dedicated to budget reduction conversations, and R&R stay focused on tasks associated with their work on the Facilities Master Plan, how to allocate carryover B Budget dollars that need to be spent, costs associated with potential Return to Campus plans, etc. The Advisory Council voted to re-establish a workgroup group, to be co-chaired by Academic and Classified Senates, to produce processes for program discontinuance.

The joint councils also acknowledged the receipt of the [Student Open Letter to](#)

[Governance.](#)

Foothill Walks & Talks Tonight at 5 p.m.

Hello Foothill Community:

Join us TONIGHT at 5 p.m. by [Zoom](#) to discuss [This American Life, 668: The Long Fuse](#).

Would you like to **take a break** during your busy work day, **be more active**, and **build community** with your Foothill colleagues?

Then join us for **FOOTHILL WALKS AND TALKS!**

Our next walk is **Wednesday, October 28, 12-1 p.m.** Our selected podcast for your walk can be found here: [Is It Time To Say R.I.P. To 'POC'?](#)

To record your walks and encourage your colleagues, join the Foothill Walk & Talks group on Strava.

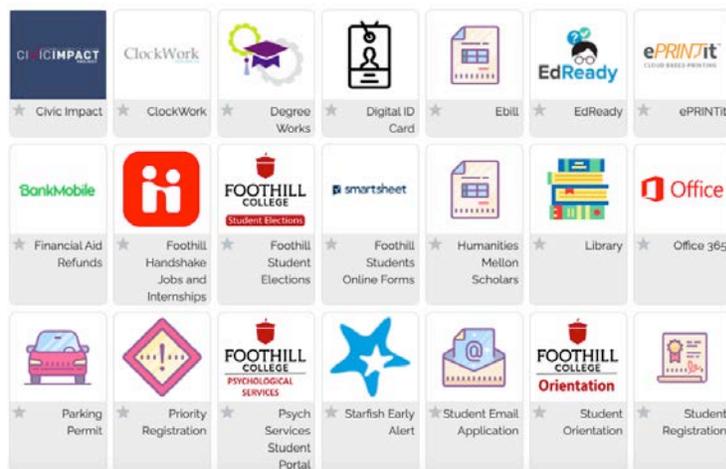
Then join us for a [Happy Hour](#) talk on **Friday, October 30, 5-6 p.m.** BYO beverage and one thing you found interesting from the podcast!

Ram Subramaniam and Valerie Fong
FH Walks & Talks Organizers

Microsoft Office 365 Now Available to All Registered Foothill Students

Thanks to the efforts of ETS, we're happy to announce that the Office 365 access that staff and faculty have enjoyed has been extended to *all* registered Foothill students! We encourage you to share this information with your classes.

Previously, students needed to request an official Foothill student email to gain access, but now, through their CWIDs, students are able to use Office 365 online or download it to their personal computers, free of charge. As part of this package, students also receive 1 TB of storage via OneDrive. [Read more.](#)



Science Learning Institute Newsletter

Sophia Kim, director of the Science Learning Institute, has created a newsletter detailing the many projects and initiatives completed over the last few months, including the new TechCore program and cohort.



[Read the newsletter.](#)

Read the Latest Issue of Student Magazine *Creative Release*

From **Stephanie Chan**, English instructor and *Creative Release* faculty adviser:

The latest issue of Foothill's student-run arts magazine is here! The editors have worked hard to put together another beautiful, thought-provoking issue, this time featuring critical essays that tackle some of today's most challenging situations. Among these is a piece on teaching during a pandemic, written by special contributor, **Scott Lankford**. Please enjoy and share with your students and community members!



Also, please encourage your students to submit their work and/or check out the club!

To submit to the next issue:

Visit the [Creative Release website](#). Submissions are accepted on an ongoing basis; the deadline for the Winter issue is Dec. 31.

Finally, calling faculty and staff writers! Something new for the Winter issue: the team would like to open up submissions to faculty and staff, with the thought of including more voices that will help us to reflect on the year and the times. If you have creative and/or critical work that you'd like to contribute, the team would love to consider publishing it.

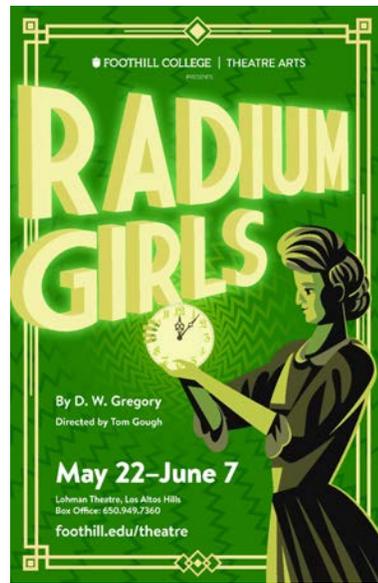
Thank you for sharing this [new issue](#) and being part of Foothill's creative arts community!

Jerry Robredo's Designs Nominated for National Award

College graphic designer **Jerry Robredo** is a finalist for two Medallion awards from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations, an organization for professionals at community and technical colleges that supports their professional growth. The awards are for a print advertisement for CTE programs and the theatrical poster for Radium Girls (the production was cancelled due to COVID).

Congratulations, Jerry! The awards will be announced at a Facebook Live event next Friday,

Oct. 30.



Owls of Shield is Recruiting

Join Owls of Shield and help us protect our virtual events. We'll train you on Zoom security features (and you'll eventually get a cool t-shirt).

Contact [Rick Edwards](#) for more info.



This Week's Events

Tuesday, Oct. 27: The Importance of Intersectionality w/ Hillel of Silicon Valley

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Campus Porch Talk

Thursday, Oct. 29: Colorism in the Latinx Community

Friday, Oct. 30: Honoring Our Ancestors -- Dia de los Muertos

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



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