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Week 7: Nov. 6, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

It has been an exhausting week for the whole nation, but it looks like we might have a better sense of the election's outcome by tonight or tomorrow. No doubt there will be legal wrangling for some weeks, but this seems to have become an election tradition. Regardless of the outcome, Foothill College will continue to serve our students and to strive to become a more equitable, innovative, and sustainable community. The Parliament has been heartened by the energy and commitment of our students who have been promoting a strong equity agenda and by the hard work and passion of everyone working at Foothill College. The saying goes that trying times bring out the best in people and our students and colleagues are proof of that!

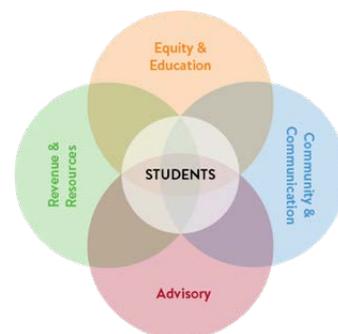
Have a great weekend, take time to relax, laugh (a lot), and, to paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, let's continue to create a better future.

Governance Update

The Advisory Council met on October 30 and earlier today to hear the Program Review presentations delayed from the spring quarter. The program faculty did an excellent job reviewing their program strengths and making a case for support (resources, faculty, etc.). The Advisory Council was impressed by the phenomenal work taking place at the college and congratulated the presenting programs.

Revenue and Resources also met today. Topics for discussion included the Facilities Masterplan and Bond priorities, apprenticeship certificates of achievement, a recommendation on the future of the campus bookstore, and return to campus discussions, including a recommendation on whether athletic conditioning classes can restart in the winter.

The Parliament will publish full reports from both councils next week.



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Congratulations, Anthony!

Anthony Cervantes, Dean of Enrollment Services, has been accepted into the Harvard Management Development Program.

This program provides higher education managers with the tools and insight to think more strategically, balance competing demands, and engage in more forward-thinking leadership. Congrats, Anthony!



Susie Huerta to Moderate Ethnic Studies Panel

English instructor and Puente co-coordinator **Susie Huerta** is co-moderating the webinar *Ethnic Studies: Passion, Purpose and Promise* next Friday, Nov. 13 from 10:30-12:30.

Ethnic Studies: Passion, Purpose, and Promise
 A Webinar for the Gavilan College Community

As the college explores an ethnic studies program, this webinar is an opportunity to engage with our colleagues on other campuses who will share their stories and deep commitment to this work. [Join via Zoom](#) or click the photo for details.

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](#)

Election Town Hall on Nov. 10

ASFC has redesigned their town hall to focus on the election results. This will be a safe space for students to discuss local, state and national elections and hear from BSS f.



ELECTION DEBRIEF TOWN HALL

[Join by Zoom](#) at Noon-1 p.m.

Astronomy Lecture: Planet 9 from Outer Space on Nov. 11

Just when the world was finally getting used to only having eight planets orbiting the Sun, the presence of a new ninth one is slowly coming into view.



On Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. Dr. Michael Brown of Caltech will discuss the history of planetary discovery and why we think a new one is on the verge of being found. Watch live on YouTube.

[More information](#)

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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Listen, Learn, & Level Up: Student Panel

Thursday, Nov. 19
12:00pm-1:30pm

Zoom: <https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/j/996617607322?pwd=MEhqQnFGK04zVk9EbjJFLNm5scnJvZz09>

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Join panelists Jayme Albritton, Mariam Touni, Abhiraj Muhar, Joshua Contreras, Moremi Mabogunje, and Priya V. in a follow-up discussion on topics brought up at the College Opening Day Student Takeover. We will be having a panel as well as an open forum Q&A. Please attend and spread the word to Foothill employees!

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. 9: SOAR Enrollment Workshop

Tuesday, Nov. 10: Honoring All Who Served

Wednesday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Observance

Friday, Nov. 13: Last Day to Drop With A "W"

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



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