

# The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | FALL QUARTER



## Week 6: Oct. 30, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Are you breaking out the witches' hats, greasepaint, and plastic Dracula fangs this weekend? Then it must be Halloween! That, or you are a member of the Goth community. Halloween originated as an ancient Celtic new year's festival that emphasizes transitions -- from old to new, summer to winter, and from life to death and back again. This annual tradition allowed the Celtic peoples to mark the passage of time and embrace change.

At Foothill, we've needed to embrace change over the last seven months, moving to a virtual campus and rethinking how we teach and support our students. While we have been successful in this endeavor, we know that students, faculty, and staff miss being on campus, and many groups are looking to return in some capacity. You may have noticed recent public discussions about when and how we return to campus. These are designed to bring as many perspectives to the fore as possible as we begin informed deliberations in the Revenue and Resources council, as R&R has been tasked with making recommendations to President Nguyen on this matter.

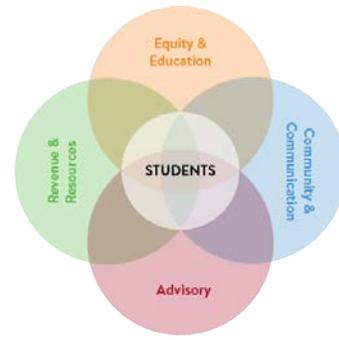
Please note that no decisions have been made on when and how we return. The [winter class schedule](#), released this week, will be identical to the fall (97% virtual classes with some Allied Health departments holding labs on campus). Any return to campus will be gradual, carefully planned, and will take into account the wishes/concerns of students, faculty, and staff. You may join in these conversations at town hall and community events on Nov. 10 and 19. See details below.

Have a great weekend, say hello to the ghosts and ghouls in your neighborhood, and don't forget to vote on Tuesday!

### Governance Update

**Advisory Council** held its first Program Review presentations today. **The IP&B working group** (chartered by the Advisory Council) has spent the last two years revising our Program Review process and all their hard work and dedication has produced a new Program Review process that is focused on a

continuous improvement cycle. Today's presentations were an opportunity for colleagues to showcase their good work and also talk about how they plan to better serve students.



### Upcoming Council Meetings on Friday, Nov. 6

[Advisory Council](#) at 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

[Revenue and Resources Council](#) at 1:30-3:30 p.m.

### Foothill Walks & Talks Tonight at 5 p.m.

Hello Foothill Community:

Join us TONIGHT at 5 p.m. by [Zoom](#) to discuss [Is It Time To Say R.I.P. To 'POC'?](#)

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, Nov. 4, 12-1 p.m.** Our selected podcast for your walk can be found here: ["Take a Walk" from 99% Invisible](#).



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, Nov. 6, at 5-6 p.m.** BYO beverage and one thing you found interesting from the podcast!

**Ram Subramaniam and Valerie Fong**  
**FH Walks & Talks Organizers**

### Pharmacy Technology Program Partners with the Palo Alto VA

The Foothill Pharmacy Technology program is **participating in the VITAL (VA initiative in Job Training And Learning)** in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula. This program is designed to prepare high school students for health care careers after graduation.

**Angela Su and her team** are not only helping high school students identify career options, but this program will be a model for other VA programs across the country! [Read more.](#)



## 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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A promotional graphic for the "Listen, Learn, &amp; Level-Up: Student Panel". The graphic has a dark blue background with a white border. At the top, the title "Listen, Learn, &amp; Level Up: Student Panel" is written in white. Below the title, there are seven circular headshots of the panelists: Jayme Albritton, Moremi Mabogunje, Mariam Touni, Abhiraj Muhar, Joshua Contreras, Moremi Mabogunje, and Priya Vasu. The date and time "Thursday, Nov. 19 12:00pm-1:30pm" are displayed in white. Below that, the Zoom link "Zoom: https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/j/99661760732?pwd=MEhqQnEGR04zVk9EbJFLNm5scnJvZz09" and the Meeting ID "Meeting ID: 996 6176 0732 | Passcode: 541971" are provided. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text: "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&amp;A. Please attend and spread the word to Foothill employees!"

## ASFC Return to Campus Town Hall on Nov. 10

ASFC has planned a town hall to discuss our eventual return to campus. Please join to hear from students about which services they need most and any public health concerns they may have.

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



## Community Town Hall Nov. 19

Please join Foothill College 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.

## 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

**Monday, Nov. 2:** Native American Homage & Advocacy

**Tuesday, Nov. 3:** Election Day 2020

**Wednesday, Nov. 4:** Virtual Club Day

**Friday, Nov. 6:** Equity in Education (a NAHM event)

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



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