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FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | SPRING QUARTER



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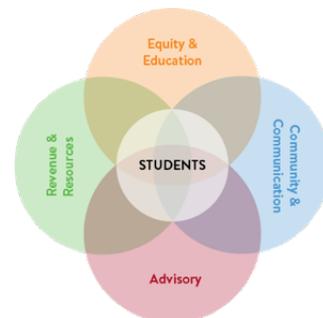
Dear Colleagues,

The Parliament hopes that those of you who were off last week enjoyed your spring break and that everyone has had a good first week of the spring quarter. As you know, the college is now implementing our return-to-campus plan and many faculty and staff are looking forward to using their offices and classrooms again later this month. Please check the [Return to Campus page](#) for frequent updates and check your email next week for reminders on protocols for those who will be working on campus. Our return will be deliberate and gradual, and prioritize the health and safety of students, staff, and faculty; employees with permission to return to campus will still need to wear a mask in public spaces, practice social distancing, and gel-in and gel-out of the campus. The national vaccination campaign will help, but we have a long way to go before we can consign our masks and hand sanitizer to history.

## Governance

The Advisory and Revenue and Resources councils met today. We will post the updates on these meetings in next week's Parliament.

Please go to [governance memos](#) page to read the latest memos from President Nguyen in response to recommendations/memos from the shared governance councils.



## What's Happening Next Week?

### Monday, April 12

- [Campus Safety Student Meeting](#)

### Tuesday, April 13

- [Disability Awareness Student Town Hall](#)
- [Campus Safety Student Meeting](#)
- [Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising Rep Visit](#)
- [What is Ramadan? Fasting Challenge!](#)
- [Inter Club Council Meeting](#)

### Wednesday, April 14

- [University of the Pacific Rep Visit](#)
- [Art & Wellness Zentangle](#)
- [Club Day Conference](#)

### Thursday, April 15

- [Ask Outreach Chat Hour](#)
- [ASFC Elections Info Session](#)
- [Lecture Series: Islamophobia in Europe](#)

### Friday, April 16

- [Last Day to Add 12-Week Classes](#)
- [Student Services Virtual Offices Closed](#)
- [Middle Eastern Cooking Session](#)

## Obituary for Dr. Konnilyn Feig

**Dr. Konnilyn G. Feig** of Corte Madera, California, 84, passed away after a short stay in the hospital on Sunday morning, March 21, 2021. She leaves behind thousands of books of every genre, copious research files and notes, heartbroken friends, family, colleagues, and dogs, a lifetime of students she fired with endless intellectual ambition and community service, and an extraordinary legacy.



Words used by her friends and colleagues to describe this remarkable woman are “gifted professor and teacher of substance and compassion,” “student mentor,” “author,” “accomplished, consequential global scholar and ambassador,” “trailblazing educational and social justice leader,” and “force of nature.” Konnilyn Feig’s journey through life was filled with triumphs despite early challenges.

[Read Konnilyn's obituary](#)

## Learning Resource Center Services

The LRC offers free drop-in online tutoring via Zoom. Faculty and peer tutors are scheduled throughout the day to help students one-on-one in many subjects and topics. Please help spread the word and visit the

[LRC Canvas page](#) for a full list of our services, operating hours, and instructions for accessing the tutoring room.



## Spring Textbook Pickup at Sunnyvale Center

Students can pick up textbooks at Sunnyvale Center on certain days and times. Check the [Library website](#) for details.

All items can be checked out for the full quarter and do not need to be reserved. We

will also have loaner calculators and Chromebooks as availability allows.

Students can also return items at Sunnyvale Center in the small book drop outside room 101. Beginning this quarter, the Library will resume charging fines for late returns.

When coming to Sunnyvale Center, students should stay in their vehicle and pull up to the table with the Library banner. Staff will come out to help. Face coverings are required.



## Campus Safety Student Meetings

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District will host student focus groups regarding campus safety next week in consultation with consultant **Bahia Overton**.



This is the chance for students to voice any questions, concerns, and comments relevant to campus safety.

The focus groups will be held on Monday, April 12, and Tuesday, April 13, at noon.

Please share with students that they are invited to attend one of the focus group sessions! Registration required. Check [events calendar](#) for details.

## Dr. Bob McCowan Retiring From Foothill

The Foothill College Dental Assisting Program would like to recognize a retiring faculty member, **Dr. Bob McCowan**, who has tirelessly worked with our students in his labs.

Dr. McCowan's expertise with impressions, trimming study models and fabricating bleaching trays has been a contributing factor in developing excellent hands-on skills the graduates of our program use every day in their careers. Thank you, Dr. McCowan, for your many years of service and contribution to our program!



[Read statements from Dr. McCowan's students](#)

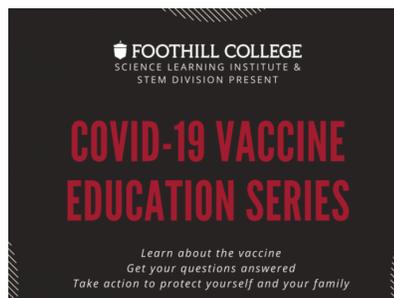


STEM Equity Seminars for Owls is kicking off this quarter with a first talk on Friday, April 30, at 11 a.m., with astronomer **Dr. Heather Flewelling**. Check out the [SLI events webpage](#) for more information about Dr. Flewelling and her upcoming talk. In addition to the talk, there will be a chance for students and faculty/staff to sign up for a small group one on one with Dr. Flewelling from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Register for the Zoom link** for this and other talks this spring. Questions? Contact Christina Rotsides ([rotsideschristina@fhda.edu](mailto:rotsideschristina@fhda.edu)), chemistry instructor.

## STEM Vaccine Series

The [Science Learning Institute](#) and STEM Division are partnering on a *COVID-19 Vaccine Education Series* for April and May, on Mondays from 4-5 p.m.

The first talk will be on April 19 with Foothill's very own **Dr. Sara Cooper**, biology instructor, on the biology of COVID-19, the virus and vaccines. Check out [the webpage](#) for more information with the full schedule. Zoom link to come!



## Disability Awareness Student Town Hall



Join us for a student-led presentation on disability awareness and a student, faculty, and staff panel. We will also be having an open forum discussion for anyone to ask questions, raise concerns, and join in the conversation! [Visit the website](#) for Zoom details.

## Virtual Club Day Conference

Students can register now for the Spring Club Day Conference! More than 30 clubs are active in the virtual space. Please encourage students to join and get involved.

Club Day is **Wednesday, April 14, from 1-3:15 p.m.**

Registration required.



## ACCJC Conference Registration Open



Every other year, the ACCJC conference brings together college administrators, institutional researchers, faculty, student services personnel, and other affiliates of the accreditation community who are interested in engaging in partnership to advance

educational excellence by improving student learning and achievement. This year the gathering will convene April 20-22 as a virtual symposium and there will be no cost to attend. [Register here](#)

The symposium theme is Partners in Excellence 2021: Equity, Quality, and Innovation Through Action, and will focus on equity and innovation in higher education accreditation. As institutions continue efforts to address equity gaps for students of color in higher education, we are having difficult conversations about race and how those conversations can lead us to take action – in terms of academic quality standards and ensuring that colleges and peer review teams represent the great diversity of our region. In essence, accreditors and institutions must do more to hold ourselves accountable to dismantle structural racism.

## Register for the 2021 APAHE Virtual Summit

Registration is open for *Advancing a Racial Equity Agenda: Forging a New Path for AAPIs*, a virtual summit hosted by Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE). The summit takes place 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursday, April 15.



[View the program and register.](#)

## Foothill Walks & Talks

Foothill Walks & Talks will meet every other Friday in the spring quarter (to minimize Zoom fatigue).

The podcast for next week is: [How to rethink a bad decision](#). We will meet for the first discussion on Friday, April 16, and every other week after that.

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



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