

The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | WINTER QUARTER



March 19, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Once again, the Parliament finds itself reflecting on the state of our nation after the mass murder of eight people outside Atlanta earlier this week. Six of the victims were Asian American women and it is clear that the murderer was motivated by racism and misogyny. As we discuss how Foothill College can better serve our students of color and create a welcoming campus for all students, this tragedy reminds us of just how important our mission is. The only way to erase hate is to normalize multiple perspectives, to celebrate diversity, and teach our students to cherish our common humanity. Thank you to Debbie Lee and our many Asian American colleagues who shared their harrowing experiences with anti-Asian hate, and thank you to the dozens of colleagues who joined the space to listen and to provide support and love.

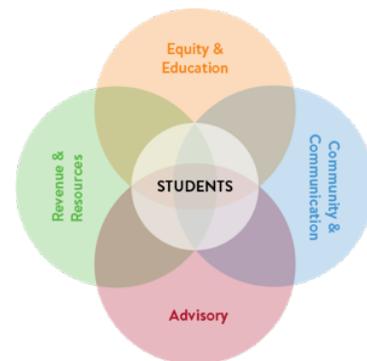
Foothill Return to Offices and Classrooms Request for Spring

If you want to use your individual office or teach from a classroom on campus (without students) during the Spring quarter, please complete the request form below.

[Return to Office and Classroom Request Form](#)

Governance Updates

The Return to Campus Council (RTCC) met yesterday and C&C and E&E met today. The councils discussed many important topics, including the work of the Scheduling Task Force, compensation for classified staff serving on shared governance councils, Service Leadership, the assessment of our governance system, the potential use of B-Budget funds for equity initiatives, compensation for developing Ethnic Studies courses, and an update of the work completed with POWER grant funding. We'll post full summaries on these governance meetings in the next Parliament.



Agendas and meeting minutes can be found on the [governance website](#).

What's Happening Next Week?

Monday, March 22

- [Winter Finals Begin](#)

Wednesday, March 24

- [Art & Wellness Zentangle with Alexis Donato](#)

Thursday, March 25

- [Ask Outreach Chat Hour](#)

Friday, March 26-Sunday, March 28

- [Live Readings of "Roe"](#)

Spencer Nakasako: Refugee Trilogy Revisited



A recommendation from Jayme Albritton, one of our Equity student leaders: One of the amazing professors I was able to interview last Spring in my English 1CH class is hosting a webinar next Thursday, March 25 at 11:30 PT, about an award-winning filmmaker, Spencer Nakasako. His work uplifts Asian-American film and media. If you're interested, you can [register for the event here](#), hosted by the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and

Race at Columbia University. You can join in the conversation with Nakasako about his groundbreaking video work (a.k.a Don Bonus, Kelly Loves Tony, Refugee) with Southeast Asian refugee youth in the San Francisco Bay Area. This event reflects on the trilogy, which remains as powerful and poignant today as when it was released some twenty-five years ago, and provides an opportunity to discover and rediscover Nakasako's innovative work.

Partners in Excellence 2021: Equity, Quality, and Innovation Through Action



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 as a virtual symposium and there will be no cost to attend.

Partners in Excellence 2021: Equity, Quality, and Innovation Through Action 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.

Registration is now open.

Free Wi-Fi Areas for Students



Shout out to **Nadene Torres**, Workforce & CTE Program Coordinator, for compiling a [list of places for students to get free wi-fi access](#).

If you are aware of any other options, please let us know so that we can add to the list.

Student Town Hall Recording

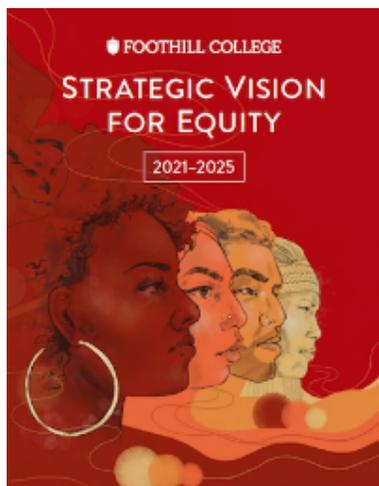
Don't worry if you missed the Student Town Hall on Tuesday. You can [watch the recording](#) now. Details on the next town hall to come.

Help Students Design a Face Mask



Foothill students **Sean Hatran** and **Arthur Wood** are designing a modular face mask as a final project for their Intro to Engineering class. Please take a couple of minutes to answer [a quick survey](#) to help with their prototyping. If you would like to connect with the students, please contact SLI Director [Sophia Kim](#).

Read the Strategic Vision for Equity



"Believing a well-educated population is essential to sustaining a democratic and just society, we commit to the work of equity, which is to dismantle oppressive systems (structural, cultural, and individual) and create a college community where success is not predictable by race." - Foothill College Scope of Equity Work

The [Foothill College Strategic Vision for Equity 2021-2025](#) is now available on the website.

Informed by all voices in our community—students, staff, faculty, and administrator—this plan provides a unique opportunity to hold ourselves accountable to our scope of equity work, demonstrated in our commitment and accountability to our values, our personal growth, and to results.

Apply for the Stanford EPIC Fellowship

The Stanford EPIC Fellowship is a one-year program open to faculty and staff at any CA community college. The program is free of cost,

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and the work is done remotely. The program brings together fellows who work collaboratively with colleagues at Stanford throughout the year on projects aimed at internationalizing course curricula and producing innovative materials for use in community college classrooms. Fellows represent a broad range of backgrounds across the humanities and sciences. The application deadline is April 1. [More info](#)

Foothill Walks & Talks



Our Walks and Talks Series will be on hiatus for the next two weeks of final exams and spring break. Look for our next podcast to listen to while you walk in our April 2 Parliament. To record your walks and encourage your colleagues, join the Foothill Walks & Talks group on Strava.

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



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