

# The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | WINTER QUARTER



**March 26, 2021**

Dear Colleagues,

The Parliament hopes that your winter quarter went well. The last few weeks have been particularly noteworthy, with the District approving our return-to-campus plans. The Parliament will be providing regular updates on the return-to-campus planning and implementation, but please be sure to visit the [Return to Campus webpage](#) for more in-depth information. In addition to our Allied Health programs, which have been successfully operating on campus since May of last year, we will see some faculty and staff returning to campus in the spring, and our student athletes will begin conditioning classes on campus on May 3. Kudos to the Scheduling Task Force, the Return to Campus Council, the EOC, Instruction, Student Services and everyone else involved in the return-to-campus decisions for all your hard work to make the return deliberate, safe, and equitable.

We'll be back the first Friday of spring quarter with more campus news. If you have not done so already, please check out the Chancellor's Office March 18 [Courageous Leadership webinar](#). It is a welcome reminder of why we do the work we do.

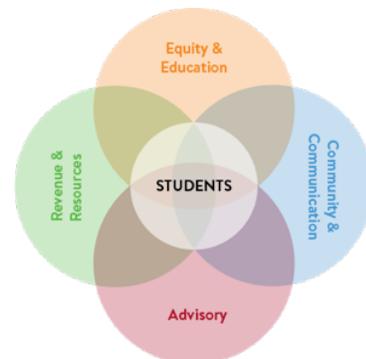
Have a great weekend!

## **Governance Updates**

### **Community & Communication**

March 19: President Thuy tasked C&C Council to come up with ideas for adjustment activities that may help the Return to Campus Council plan for the eventual campus return.

The Classified Senate President presented a proposal for the college to establish a budget to compensate departments for any overtime expenses associated with the participation of classified employees on governance councils and the study groups they form. Classified Senate is working with a group of administrators to present a budget for this proposal. C&C voted in affirmation to support Classified colleagues participation in governance.



C&C voted to approve a 10-minute break to be integrated in their meeting norms, and encourages other governance councils to integrate breaks for long meetings.

C&C led a brainstorming activity to help shape the focus of the council for spring quarter. Some highlights: empowering students to participate in governance, evaluation of governance, discussion of CORE's Open Letter to Governance, on-boarding for future governance participants, and cross collaboration with other governance councils.

The Study Group of Service Leadership has been amended to include anyone who would like to participate with a charge of gathering information on current projects, and in consultation with Colber Prosper, draft a 2-year plan for next steps. The group will have their first meeting early in spring quarter. If anyone would like to participate, please email [Asha Jossis](mailto:Asha.Jossis) before spring quarter begins.

### **Return to Campus**

Richard Daley presented concerns from the Chemistry department and provided RTC assessment of each chemistry lab. Robert Cormia articulated opening concerns from the students and requested an increased information gathering from the student body about the opening process. The Course Prioritization List was approved and there were numerous discussions about the best way forward in terms of re-opening the campus safely and efficiently.

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

## **The Passing of Dr. Konnilyn Feig**

**Written by Kurt Hueg, Interim Associate Vice President of Instruction**

It is with great sadness that I must share our retired colleague Dr. Konnilyn Feig passed away Saturday night after being hospitalized for several days. As many of you know, Konnilyn was a driving force at Foothill College and had a distinguished career as an educator, author, administrator and mentor to many students and colleagues. She joined Foothill in 1989 as Division Dean of Business and Social Sciences, and in 1996 she joined the history department as a tenured faculty member, where she served until her retirement in 2015. Konnilyn was a founding faculty member of the Honors Institute, and also one of the first online history instructors in the state. She was also an expert in Eastern European history and authored one of the most important historical texts on the concentration camps, *Hitler's Death Camps: The Sanity of Madness* (NY: Holmes and Meier). She held a Ph.D. in history and international relations from the University of Washington, a Master of Arts Degree in history from the University of Montana, and a Bachelor of Science in business/finance and a Bachelor of Arts in history, both from the University of Montana. She also earned a Master of Arts in Business Administration from Golden Gate University.



What colleagues will remember most about Konnilyn is her fiery spirit, her contagious laughter, her razor-sharp wit, and her absolute love of students. Konnilyn was courageous and strong, and she never backed down from what she believed in. She worked until late in life, as retiring to her was something she absolutely wanted to avoid. When she left Foothill there was a noticeable void in

the Business and Social Sciences Division and the Honors Program, where she spent so much of her time and energy. Her passing leaves us with a deep sense of loss and many memories of her smile, her cackling laughter, her collegiality, and her incredible insight.

Prior to coming to Foothill College, Konnilyn had a distinguished career as a full professor of business at San Francisco State University, a Vice President at San Francisco State University and Dean of Arts and Sciences and history professor at the University of Southern Maine. She was also an Associate Dean of Special Programs at the University of Pittsburgh and a Special Assistant to the US Commissioner of Education and OE Fellow at the US Office of Education. She served as a Dean and instructor at Whitman College and a Dean at the University of Washington

The Business and Social Sciences Division will be holding a remote gathering of her friends and colleagues, to share stories and celebrate her life. Details TBA.

### Theatre Arts Presents *Roe*

Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 case that legalized abortion, is still fiercely debated over forty years later. In turns shocking, humorous, and poignant, this incisive play cuts through the headlines and rhetoric to reveal the divergent personal journeys of lawyer Sarah Weddington and plaintiff Norma McCorvey ("Jane Roe") in the years following the fateful decision. Contains adult themes and content.

Foothill Theatre Arts will perform live readings of the play tonight through Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Email [theatreboxoffice@fhda.edu](mailto:theatreboxoffice@fhda.edu) for access.



### Spring Textbook Pickup at Sunnyvale Center

The Library has moved its textbook collection to Sunnyvale Center. Beginning Monday, April 5, students can pick up textbooks at the 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 located on the side of the building. Beginning spring 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.

## President Nguyen Selected for ACE Board of Directors

The American Council on Education recently elected our very own President, Thuy Thi Nguyen, to its board of directors. President Nguyen will be a strong advocate for community college students on this influential board and has already been interviewed on [race and equity](#). Congratulations!



## Dental Hygiene Clinic Reopens April 5

Foothill students can get free teeth cleaning and x-rays when the dental hygiene clinic reopens on April 5.

To schedule an appointment, email [dentalhygieneclinic@foothill.edu](mailto:dentalhygieneclinic@foothill.edu). Visit the [website](#) for more info.



## Foothill Featured in ACE Research Paper on Shared Equity

Foothill is among eight colleges and universities nationally to be featured in a new research paper from the American Council on Education and USC's Pullias Center for Higher Education. "[Shared Equity Leadership: Making Equity Everyone's Work](#)" includes interviews from more than 60 campus leaders who practice shared leadership around equity. Additional papers are forthcoming.



## 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 summit program and register.](#)

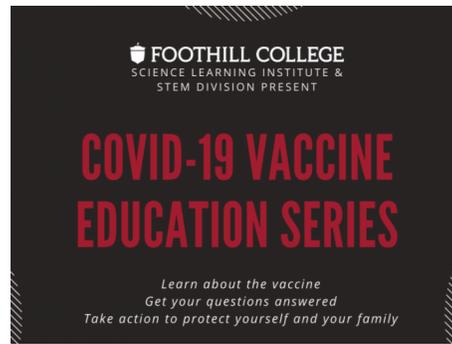
## COVID-19 Vaccination Education Series

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.

Topics to be covered are:

- April 19 - Biology of the virus and vaccine
- April 26 - Public health perspective of the virus and vaccine
- May 3 - Debunking vaccine myths
- May 10 - Taking actions to protect ourselves and our families



You will have the opportunity to gain more information on these topics and get questions answered with our own faculty and experts in the field. Keep on the lookout for more information.



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