



# President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

**The only constant in life is change.**

Greetings Foothill College,

It was a joy to meet with the new leadership of the Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) today. The students are excited about the Service Leadership initiative. I was so engaged in conversation with them that I forgot to take a picture for this communiqué!

Just as exciting was an opportunity to greet the new full-time, tenure-track faculty and part-time faculty this morning. You may have seen Prof. **Gillian Schultz** giving a college tour to a group of 20+ individuals. One of the new faculty, Dr. **Baba Kofi Weusijana**, dropped by to meet the ASFC student leaders as he was once a member of ASFC.





Photos: new faculty orientation

As new people join the Foothill family, we also want to recognize those who are leaving.

Last week, our dual enrollment coordinator **Jazmine Garcia** resigned. Under Jazmine's leadership, the college's dual enrollment offerings have increased dramatically. In just one year, the number of dual enrollments has grown from 69 to 289 in 16 partner schools. I want to thank **Jazmine** for her hard work and dedication to Foothill and its students.

While we search for a new dual enrollment coordinator, I am pleased to announce that **Ruby Sodhi** has offered to step in on an interim basis. Many of you may know Ruby from her work on accreditation over the past year-and-a-half. She holds a Ph.D. in Education with a specialization in higher education from Walden University and spent eight years serving as the high school liaison for College of the Redwoods. Please join in me in welcoming **Ruby** to her new role!

Ms. **Kelaiah Harris** has accepted the permanent position of Instructional Services Coordinator (a.k.a., "Justin's old position"). A former Foothill student, **Kelaiah** has worked in the bookstore and with Celebrity Forum, and most recently served as a Program Coordinator II for the Office of Equity Programs. She has already started working in her new position so please stop by and congratulate her!

The entire Office of Instruction, under the leadership of Vice President **Kristy Lisle**, is looking forward to working with the college community this year!

Another bit of news: Dr. **Oxana Pantchenko** from the Science Learning Institute will be moving on, with the last day being September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will proceed with a hiring process for her replacement.

Before the school year starts, want to alert you to a few dates. My office will send out Outlook invitations for the following college-wide events. Save the dates!

Sept. 22 – Foothill Opening Day  
Sept. 28 – President's Office Hour (for students)  
Oct. 9 – Accreditation reception (by invitation)  
Oct. 10 – Accreditation Open Forum I (6 pm – 7 pm)  
Oct. 11 – Accreditation Open Forum II (11:00 am – 11:30 am)  
Oct. 12 - Accreditation exit interview  
Oct. 19 – The Great California Shakeout (earthquake drill)  
Nov. 7 – President's Town Hall (governance, budget & other topics)  
Dec. 8 – Holiday Party  
Jan. 16 – President's Office Hour (for students)  
Jan. 30 – President's Town Hall (governance, budget & other topics)  
Feb. 15 – Lunar New Year Celebration  
April 16 – President's Office Hour (for students)

June 7 – End-of-Year Celebration

Here's a scene of efforts today to spruce up the college for Monday. Can't wait for the start of classes!



Of Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thuy'.

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