

Senate President notes from Board of Trustees Meeting Monday, July 11, 2016

To: Patrick Morriss; David Marasco; Bruce McLeod; Isaac Escoto; Rosa Nguyen

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Hello, summer cabinet!

Here are my notes from this evening's board meeting about the things I think you may be interested in. (Note that there was lots more at the meeting, and if you want the nitty gritty agenda you can have a look at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/fhda/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AAYMXY5A8938>)

Announcements:

- The Board welcomed our new college president, Thuy Thi Nguyen
- Brian Murphy announced that De Anza's VP of Instruction, Rowena Tomaneng, has accepted the position of college president at Berkeley City College to begin Monday, July 18, 2016.
- Thuy Nguyen shared the news that Foothill Student Trustee Courtney Cooper just won the election to become the new president of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

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- reviewed the [results of their bi-annual self evaluation](#) (as an information item) with special attention to the weaknesses identified (need for better connection to community and need for "tougher" questions about board agenda items. They also highlighted the need for excellent onboarding for the two new trustees who are elected this November.
 - De Anza Student trustee Elias Kamal suggested the board consider on-campus "office hours," once a year initially, and then perhaps once each quarter - this idea seemed well-received by the members.
- after a hearty discussion about whether or not to strike the last phrase (as proposed), the board approved the [proposed revisions to the district mission statement](#). I did speak in support of striking the language, as it was agreed it implies that "education, training, and workforce" are distinct entities (and Chancellor Miner did an excellent job explaining that we do not "train" students)
- reviewed the District's [list of items they are interested in negotiating](#) with the Faculty Association for the new contract which will replace the current one that technically expired on June 30, 2016.
- approved a [new contract with Pacific Dining](#) to provide our food services at Foothill.

That's it! That's all I have. If you have questions or concerns about these or other items, don't hesitate to holler at me.

Thanks for reading and I really appreciate your service.

Kind regards,
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the right to be an individual, you have an
obligation to be one. - Eleanor Roosevelt