

# The Parliament

FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER | SPRING QUARTER



**April 23, 2021**

Dear Colleagues,

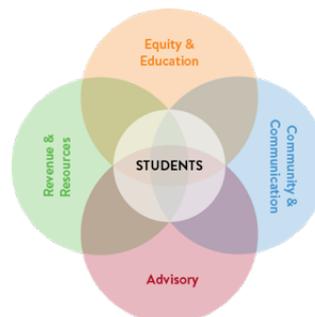
It has been another very busy week! The Parliament was happy to see more staff, faculty, and administrators back on campus and there is a palpable sense of optimism as we prepare for our athletes to return soon as well. This optimism is tempered by the real challenges facing our students and the campus community at large as the local economy comes back to life and people look to retrain and position themselves to prosper in the post-COVID economy.

As you scroll through this week's Parliament, you'll notice many opportunities for professional development and to support our campus communities. Join ASFC on Monday to stand in solidarity with the API community and speak out against anti-API racism and violence, sign up for the Black Student Success Week activities, and check out the STEM Equity Seminar. The Research and Service Leadership Symposium is coming up soon too (May 20), with nearly 200 students presenting! Please reach out to Allison Herman or Mike McCusker if you'd like to volunteer as a facilitator for one of the presentation sessions.

## **Governance**

### **Advisory Council**

On April 9, Bret Watson informed the members of Advisory Council about budget updates for the spring quarter. Kristy Lisle led a discussion of the winter 2020 program review presentations, and Advisory Council voted to host the spring presentations on May 7 and May 12. Ram Subramaniam, and other members of the faculty prioritization team, presented Advisory Council with its ranked list of faculty positions to consider hiring this year. After discussion, Advisory Council voted to move the trauma-informed counselor position to the third rank. The tri-chairs of Advisory Council are now tasked with presenting these results to President Nguyen for her consideration.



Please go to the [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 26

- Senegal's Baye Fall Sufi Muslims
- Standing Against Anti-Asian Hate

Tuesday, April 27

- ICC Club Council

Wednesday, April 28

- Art & Wellness: Zentangle
- Global Political Issues Affecting Muslims
- Astronomy Lecture: Black Hole Survival Guide

Thursday, April 29

- Ask Outreach Chat Hour
- ASFC Campus Council Weekly Meeting
- Iftar Countdown

Friday, April 30

- Last Day to Request P/NP
- STEM Equity Seminar: Pixel Pipelines & Surfing Telescope Data
- Muslim Heritage Month Closing Ceremony
- Business Innovation Challenge: Design Thinking Workshop
- Humanities Mellon Scholars Info Session



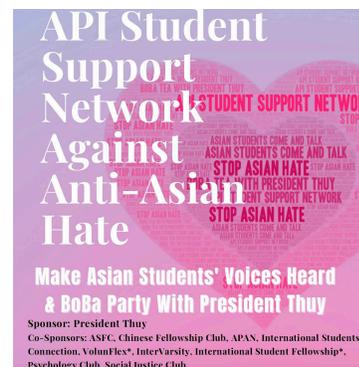
The 61st Annual Commencement Ceremony will be held virtually on Friday, June 25. To participate in the ceremony, students must petition to graduate by Wednesday, May 12. For other important graduation information, visit the [website](#).

### API Student Support Event on Monday

Sponsored by ASFC, Chinese Fellowship Club and Asian Pacific American Network (APAN). President Thuy will join students at 2 p.m. Monday for dialogue and community as we raise our voices to support each other and speak out against anti-Asian violence. Email

[casahernandezveronica@foothill.edu](mailto:casahernandezveronica@foothill.edu) for

Zoom access.



## Astronomy Lecture April 28: Black Hole Survival Guide

Tune in to the Silicon Valley Astronomy Lectures [YouTube channel](#) on Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. for a live lecture from astronomer and author **Dr. Janna Levin**. Dr. Levin will help us understand, and find delight in, black holes - perhaps the most opaque theoretical construct ever imagined by physicists. She will take us on an exploratory tour of the neighborhood of a black hole, and help us feel the visceral experience of encountering it (for example, warning us about the danger of being "spaghettified" by its enormous tidal forces.) [Event details](#)



## Immigration Town Hall Looking for Panelists

The Family Engagement Institute (FEI) in partnership with the Associated Students of Foothill College (ASFC) is hosting an Immigration Town Hall to discuss immigration-related issues and gain meaningful insight into how to best support our immigrant community.



We are looking for Foothill students and staff who have been touched by immigration (i.e. first gen, undocumented, DACAmented, mixed-status) to share their experience and reflect on how Foothill can offer authentic and effective support for immigrants. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact us at [fei@fhda.edu](mailto:fei@fhda.edu) or 650.949.7463.

## Black Student Success Week April 26-30

This year's Black Student Success Week includes a daily webinar series called **The Black Hour**. Throughout the week, webinars will share insights and approaches for improving student success among

Black and African American students at California's community colleges. Webinars will be held from 12-1 p.m. and are open to California Community College administrators, staff, faculty, practitioners and students. This year's theme is **Follow the Money: Unapologetically Supporting Black Students**.



**MONDAY, APRIL 26 | 12 – 1 p.m.**

**Follow the Money: Unapologetically Supporting Black Students**

[Register Now](#)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 27 | 12 – 1 p.m.**

**The ADT Journey for African American Students**

[Register Now](#)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 | 12 – 1 p.m.**

**Equity and Black Representation in Higher Education Leadership**

[Register Now](#)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29 | 12 – 1 p.m.**

**A Legislative Briefing: Actively Advocating for Black Student Success**

[Register Now](#)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30 | 12 – 1 p.m.**

**The Cost of Freedom: “Speaking Up to Diversify the Faculty Ranks”**

[Register Now](#)

## **Mellon Scholars Recruiting**

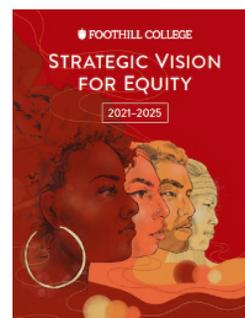
Humanities Mellon Scholars is a transfer support program and learning community for students interested in building a strong foundation in the humanities to support the major of their choice. Mellon Scholars earn a Certificate of Achievement in Humanities, complete university transfer requirements, work with a designated faculty advisor and get guaranteed admission to the University of San Francisco.



Please encourage students to attend an info session next Friday, April 30, or Thursday, May 6. Details on the [Humanities Mellon Scholars website](#).

## **Check Out the Equity Plan Mini-Site**

The Strategic Vision for Equity is now available as a [standalone mini-website](#). The marketing team hopes to use this template for other large college documents, to make for easier editing and full accessibility for users. The PDF document and executive summary are still available on the website. Please take a look and let us know what you think! Special thank you to designer and developer **Jolie Theall** for creating the site.



## **Business Innovation Challenge 2021**

Spread the word! The Business Innovation Challenge is back for 2021. Students are invited to turn their innovative ideas into action to identify solutions to problems facing communities in need. The challenge has 4 workshops and 2 rounds of competition designed to help students learn how to

grow their ideas. Email [lewlaurence@foothill.edu](mailto:lewlaurence@foothill.edu) or visit the [website](#) for details.



## Job Openings at Foothill-De Anza

There are quite a few new job postings on the FHDA employment site. Go to the [district's careers webpage](#) to view the announcements. Please be sure to let colleagues, locally and across the state, know about any job postings that might be of interest to them. A strong and diverse candidate pool for every position is good for our students and for our institution. You'll find faculty, staff, and administrative positions listed on the site and they are updated every week.

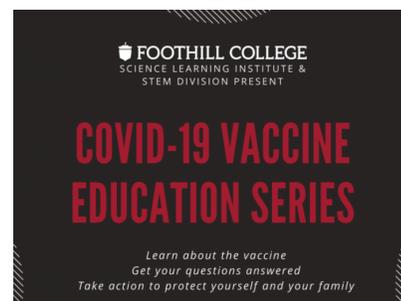


STEM Equity Seminars for Owls is kicking off this quarter with a first talk on Friday, April 30, at 11 a.m., with astronomer **Dr. Heather Flewelling**. Check out the [SLI events webpage](#) for more information about Dr. Flewelling and her upcoming talk. In addition, there will be a chance for students 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. The link also will be posted publicly the morning of each session. Questions? Contact Christina Rotsides, chemistry instructor, at [rotsideschristina@fhda.edu](mailto:rotsideschristina@fhda.edu).

## Vaccine Education Series

In Part 2 of the **COVID-19 Vaccine Education Series**, join us on [Zoom](#) on Monday, April 26 at 4 p.m. to hear **Dr. Rebecca Ryan**, health instructor. Dr. Ryan will discuss the pause in the J&J vaccine and how vaccine hesitancy can be overcome by looking at historical and social justice issues. If you missed the first session, check out the [recording](#). Sponsored by the [Science Learning Institute](#) and STEM Division.



## Foothill Walks & Talks

Foothill Walks & Talks will meet next Friday, April

30, to discuss [Post-Pandemic Paradise in Rapa Nui](#).

What happens to a tourist paradise when no one shows up to visit? Rapa Nui, known to many as Easter Island, typically welcomes more than 120,000 visitors each year—which is a lot for a place with only 10,000 residents. After COVID-19 shuts down flights to this remote island, citizens reimagine what their lives, their livelihood, and their home can be without tourism — and dream of what a post-pandemic paradise economy might look like.



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



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