



February 7, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

The Novel Coronavirus outbreak in China is very much on everyone's mind right now. We do currently have two confirmed cases in Santa Clara County, but the Santa Clara County Public Health Agency has affirmed that the risk of exposure is low. Regardless, please wash/sanitize your hands on a regular basis, avoid touching your face, and stay home if you are ill (fever, shortness of breath, sneezing, etc.). If you present with any cold/flu symptoms, staying home and seeking medical care keeps everyone healthy. Please check in with our students and make sure they are well. We need to be sensible and take precautions to protect our students and each other, but let's also make a point of being empathetic and actively support our students! Keep calm, care for all, and carry on!

President's Cabinet Report

Cabinet was held on Monday, Feb. 3. Topics included:

- Debrief of the equity retreat held Jan. 31-Feb. 1. A debrief with the larger group will be scheduled.
- Marketing will chart up and share all operational team meeting times so more people are able to attend.
- Continued promotion of governance study groups to encourage attendance by the wider campus community.
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Josh just started his ninth year at Foothill and has had different roles at the college. He first taught in the Language Arts department as a part-time faculty member for five years before accepting a full-time staff position in the Teaching & Learning Center (TLC). Josh coordinated tutorial support in the TLC, acting twice as the faculty director. Most recently, Josh transitioned from the Program Coordinator of Dual Enrollment to the Acting Student Outreach Supervisor role.



Josh was born and raised in Sacramento, where he attended an International Baccalaureate high school. He was part of the final graduating class of the twentieth century. Josh attended Santa Barbara City College and San Diego Mesa College on his way to the University of California, San Diego, where he earned a BA in Literature/Writing. After a brief stint coordinating the dermatology residency program at the UCSD Medical Center, he began graduate school at San Francisco State University, where he earned an MA in English and MFA in Fiction Writing. During his time in the MFA program, he wrote a novella () and a short story collection () and was presented with the Distinguished Graduate Student Award.

Growing up so close to the Sierra Nevada, Josh spent countless weekends trout fishing and camping. During his freshman year of high school, he won first place at the California State Fair for woodcarving. Last August, Josh and his wife Cindy celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations, Josh!

What's Happening This Week?

Monday, Feb. 10

- [The Black Experience - Student Perspectives Panel](#)
- [Stereotype Threat Workshop](#)

- [Campus Closed: Observance of Presidents Day Weekend](#)
- [Men's Basketball vs. San Mateo](#)

In Other News...

- [College starts at kindergarten: School-readiness program brings families to Foothill College](#)
- [Sunnyvale organ donor has half a liver and a very big heart](#)
- [Foothill Middle College expands to meet demand](#)

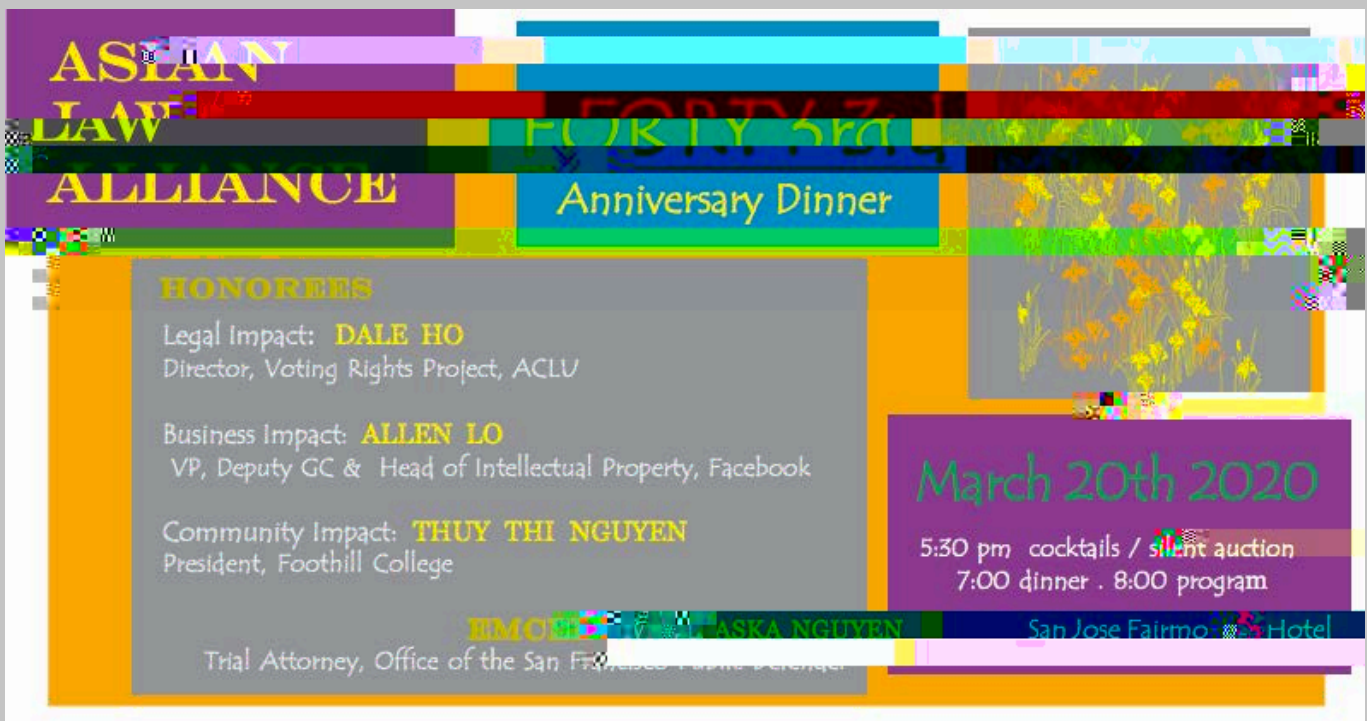
Governance Updates

Advisory Council Report:

The Advisory Council (AC) met on Jan. 24. As always, the AC had a packed agenda. The group agreed on a feedback loop for the program/certificate approval process and was adamant that governance should not slow down the process. AC members stressed that the feedback could be asynchronous to facilitate quick responses and that a simple guide (not a rubric) might help governance groups know what to look for in each proposal.

The AC also looked at the New Faculty Prioritization for 2020. AVPI **Paul Starer** talked the AC through the prioritization process and AS President, **Isaac Escoto**, updated the group on the Senate's discussions. After an involved discussion, the AC voted unanimously to approve the prioritization rankings with the caveat that the college should explore additional funding sources to expand the number of hires made this year. Finally, the AC voted to approve an extension for the Equity 2.0 plan to be due on June 30 and to move the EMP 2030 discussion to 2020-21.

Additional updates to follow in the next Parliament. [Read all governance minutes on the website.](#)



ASIAN LAW ALLIANCE Anniversary Dinner

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Legal Impact: **DALE HO**
Director, Voting Rights Project, ACLU

Business Impact: **ALLEN LO**
VP, Deputy GC & Head of Intellectual Property, Facebook

Community Impact: **THUY THI NGUYEN**
President, Foothill College

EMOMI ASKA NGUYEN
Trial Attorney, Office of the San Francisco Public Defender

March 20th 2020
5:30 pm cocktails / silent auction
7:00 dinner . 8:00 program

San Jose Fairmont Hotel

Congratulations to President Nguyen, who will be receiving an award from the Asian Law Alliance for her Community Impact! The event will be held on **March 20** at the Fairmont in Downtown San Jose.

President Nguyen will be reserving a table. If you're interested in joining her that evening, please email [Veronica Casas](mailto:Veronica.Casas).

Valentine's Cookies at the KCI Makerspace

Want to share a love note with your Valentine? Come and customize an inscription on a heart shaped cookie on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 12-13, at the Krause Innovation Center Makerspace from 10-2 and Thursday 10-12. Limited number of cookies so come early! Bring your friends and make it a group project. See you then.

Blind Date with a Book



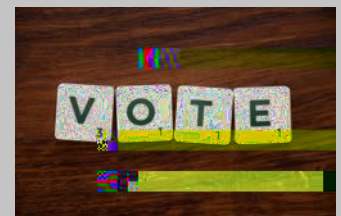
If you stop by the library this this week, you might notice something different. In celebration of Valentine's Day, a new display entices students, faculty, and staff to take a chance on love - with a new book. Library staff wrote "personal ads" for their chosen books and gift-wrapped each one to hide the author and title. Take a study break and expand your reading repertoire!

Stanford EPIC Fellowship

The [Stanford EPIC Fellowship](#) is a one-year program open to faculty and academic staff at any CA community college. The program is free of cost, and most of 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, 2020.**

Register to Vote!

Do you need to [register to vote](#) for the California primary? [Ask a librarian!](#) Our librarians have info for how to find your local voting resources, important dates and FAQs.





Weekly Quiz

We had many responses to last week's quiz and congratulations to **Lisa Slede** and **Lisa Schultheis** for being the first to respond. They are now the proud owners of limited-edition, artisan-crafted (in the finest PVC) Foothill College water bottles.

Know your campus...

Where would a student go for help on campus if they were having trouble completing their math homework?

The first two correct responses win fabulous prizes! Please send your answer to penningtonsimon@fhda.edu.

The _____ faculty & staff newsletter is published weekly. Have something you would like to share with the Foothill College community? Email _____ Vanessa Smith.



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