

**Notes on Foothill Community Interviews Conducted by Dan Rosenberg and John Spevak at Various Sites Primarily on April 13, 2015**

**Comments made during a meeting at the Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA**

- Continue to provide extensive "human-touch" services to veterans coming to Foothill College, including helping them re-integrate into society
- Expand the number of four-year degree programs
- Continue to be a leader in state-of-the art technology in education, especially in campus labs

**Comments made during a meeting at the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, 580 Castro St., Mountain View, CA**

- Prepare students for the workforce in an efficient way
- Continue to teach students the technical skills they need for the job
- Ensure students have communication skills of speaking, reading, and writing

### **Comments made during a meeting at the De Anza College**

- None

Attending: No invitees from the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, Sunnyvale City Council, Fremont Union High School District, or MetroEd were able to attend.

### **Comments made during a meeting at Foothill College, with invitees from the Foothill Commission/Foothill-DeAnza Foundation**

- Develop new approaches to community education to find new ways for persons who can no longer repeat courses to continue with lifelong education
- Reaffirm the value that all students (including those transferring) are career students and need to select and follow career pathways
- Collaborate more with K-12 districts, industry, and universities
- Find new ways for Foothill College to collaborate with DeAnza College to better serve the District and the region
  - Improve interdisciplinary collaboration
- Strengthen counseling
  - Encourage and advise students to strongly consider going beyond a certificate to earn an AA degree
- Explore ways to work with employers (e.g., in accounting) to validate the knowledge and skills of Foothill College students, to help fill in gaps where needed, and then to guarantee employment
- Strengthen multi-party collaboration among the College and industry partners
  - Explore using an intermediary party or agency to create and nurture this collaboration, using examples from Los Angeles and Boston as models

### **Comments made during a meeting at the Community Open Session in the President's Conference Room at Foothill College**

- Find new approaches to offering community education and lifelong learning classes in light of the state's recent ruling restricting repeatability
- Find new ways to make college resources available to the community

- Improve public relations to the community