

On Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 3:30 PM Lloyd Holmes <holmeslloyd@fhda.edu> wrote:

Trustee Wong,

Thanks so much for meeting with me today. It certainly left quite a bit for me to think about, particularly as it relates to my future at De Anza and the district.

I really appreciate your acknowledgement that many of the issues I'm dealing with relate to my skin color. I was quite shocked, as you may have been able to tell, when you said that Asian Americans tend to have issues with folks whose skin is darker than theirs. I was not surprised, however, at your confirmation that APASA did not support me from the beginning (via letter to Chancellor Miner) merely because of my being African American and that the lack of support continues as a result of something I can't and wouldn't want to change. I appreciate your offer to navigate that situation with me.

I also appreciate your telling me that I would have been a better fit for Foothill since there are more Whites at Foothill. Thanks for acknowledging the fact that Bernadine, as an interim, can make decisions that I, as a permanent "Black" man, can't make.

I will say that I was still asking myself whether I'd be a viable candidate for the Chancellor position, and I appreciate your candor in letting me know that if I applied for the position, I'd be considered the internal candidate while "she" would be the external candidate. I appreciate your letting me know that members of the board are split in terms of who they'd like and that you're waiting to see if she gets the San Mateo chancellor position.

I also appreciate your apology for making the statement at the end-of-the-year APASA event that you hope the next chancellor of the district is Asian-American. I understand your saying that "we tend to stick together." Again, as I told you, it certainly made me feel that I didn't have your support because of my skin color.

Again, my aim is only to assist in growing De Anza College and support district efforts. I will continue to work at doing so as long as I feel I can make a difference for the college, the district, and this wonderful community.

With appreciation,
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Subject: Re: Today's Meeting

Dr Holmes,

I do not remember a conversation with you the way that you have described it below.

Regards,

Gilbert Wong