ISSUE: Chancellor Linda Thor will welcome the Board of Governors to the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and Joseph Moreau, FHDA Vice Chancellor and Online Education Initiative (OEI) Executive Sponsor, and Patricia James, OEI Executive Director, will present an update on the accomplishments of the first eleven months of the project and anticipated milestones for the next eighteen months.

BACKGROUND: In December of 2013, the Board of Governors awarded the California Community College Online Education Initiative (OEI) grant ($16.9 million for year 1 and $10 million per year for years 2 through 5) to the Foothill-De Anza district to lead this statewide initiative. The primary goal of the project is to provide the students of California with high quality, online education opportunities designed to dramatically enhance access for students seeking to complete their educational goals through the selection and implementation of centralized resources such as course quality standards, course design review, professional development, a common course management system, tutoring resources, and student readiness support. The project is in the planning and initial implementation stage and includes participation by faculty, staff, and administrators across the colleges, Chancellor’s Office staff, statewide Academic Senate leaders, and students.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for information and discussion.