PCC Logo**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**President’s Latino Advisory Committee (PLAC)**

**Mission:** *To enhance the success of Latino students at PCC*

**Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

Members Present: C. Altamirano, J. Aragon, E. Endrijonas, K. Lopez, M. Mares-Tamayo, R. Martinez, M. Morales, S. Murga, C. Olivo, Y. Parada, I. Ramirez

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 10:04AM.

1. **Approval of Minutes- February 19, 2020** (Approved)
2. **President’s Report** (Erika Endrijonas)
3. The Board of Trustees (“BOT”) will have their first all-virtual Zoom meeting at 6:00PM that evening, April 15th. Senator Portantino will be swearing in Trustee Martin, Trustee Osterling, and the newest trustee, Tammy Silver.
4. Due to the current pandemic, graduation has been postponed to next year.
5. The plan is to build the summer schedule with largely online classes, but also with some face-to-face classes. Due to the fluidity of the situation, those F2F classes will have to be prepared to go remote if required.
6. The Huntington Hospital invited fourth semester nursing students back for clinical rotations.
7. The campus continues to be sanitized while using seals on door knobs as indicators of room usage. Once the rooms are sanitized again, new seals are placed on the door knobs. Faculty visits to the campus for filming demonstrations will need to be coordinated appropriately to allow for proper cleaning before and after usage.
8. The plans for the Armen Sarafian Building have been approved by the Division of State Architect. The bid for demolition and site preparation is anticipated to be awarded in late June with a demolition start date of July 2020.
9. There will be a virtual town hall meeting on the Facilities Master Plan (“FMP”) on April 30th. The FMP will be presented for board approval at the May 20th BOT meeting.
10. The Educational Master Plan was approved at the March BOT meeting.
11. The Governor’s budget will continue to go through revisions and at this point, the allocated amount for community colleges is uncertain. The priority is funding whatever is needed for COVID-19 responses.
12. With the CARES Act, PCC will be receiving $15.2 million, out of which, $7.6 million will be specifically for student aid and the remainder is to help the college.
13. The campus theme has been Semper Gumby, meaning always flexible. Everyone is doing their best with the information provided, which changes on a daily basis.
14. **Reports** 
    1. Olivo reported on the following:
       1. The Lancer Pantry was providing in-person food distribution the first two weeks, but moved towards electronic grocery store gift cards. A list of food pantries in the Los Angeles area was provided to students since over 60% of PCC students live outside the Pasadena area.
       2. A survey has been sent out to students to determine which students have been unemployed due to this pandemic, in order to provide them with a supplemental stipend.
       3. All of the services are remotely available and many workshops are being offered to address a variety of topics. Olivo will be hosting a breakfast to celebrate all of the employees’ hard work.
       4. A Student Services Town Hall has been scheduled for students on Wednesday, May 6th.
       5. The Chancellor’s Office has provided great flexibility for students to withdraw from classes without being negatively impacted.
    2. Altamirano provided the following ALE updates:
       1. The Loteria Night will now be scheduled via Zoom.
       2. Noche de Excelenia originally scheduled for May 19th has been cancelled, but applications are still being accepted and awards will be issued.
       3. Altamirano will be sending an invitation to Trustee Silver to join a future PLAC meeting to introduce, welcome and give highlights of what the committee does.
    3. Murga reported that the Adelante conferences have been cancelled for the year. There is discussion about possibly having workshops presented online.
    4. Lopez from Senator Portantino’s Office provided the following updates:
       1. All staff are working from home with access to servers.
       2. A list of resources for DACA students will be shared with the committee upon completion.
       3. A virtual town hall meeting was held with a focus on mental health. There will be additional town halls in the future.
15. **Announcements**
    1. Mares-Tamayo announced that the QUEST Center has been extremely active in sharing important information on Instagram (@pccquest). Similarly, the TRiO program and the CORE program have been active and in constant contact with students.
    2. Altamirano announced that FYE has been working closely with the Outreach Office and will start a phone campaign soon.
    3. Martinez announced that Latino Heritage is now a 501C.
    4. Aragon announced that the Latino Equity Alliance was successful in raising $5,000 for scholarships and two will be awarded specifically for PCC students. The deadline to apply is May 1st.
    5. Chavez announced that Marshall High School will have its first Armenian dual emersion program.
    6. Morales announced that she is working on a pilot providing literacy courses to parents to learn English and complete their high school diploma.
16. **Adjourn** at 11:30AM