**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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

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

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

**10:00 AM – 11:30AM**

Pasadena City College

Zoom Meeting

**Minutes**

***Members Present***: C. Altamirano, A. Boekelheide, K. Bolen, G. Caringella, A. Chavez, E. Endrijonas, D. Hernandez, M. Mares-Tamayo, S. Miranda S. Murga, J. Osterling, Y. Parada

1. **Welcome** at 10:04AM
2. **Approval of Minutes- November 18, 2020**
	1. Approved with one amendment; change “PCC Foundation” to “PCF”.
3. **President’s Report (Erika Endrijonas)**
	1. The Pasadena City College (PCC) Board of Trustees (BOT) met on December 9, 2020 and approved the following:
		1. Authorized PCC to issue a tax revenue anticipation note not to exceed $25 million. This will help pay bills due to deferred State payments.
		2. Approved the employment of Dr. Laura Ramirez as Assistant Superintendent, Vice President, Instruction effective January 4, 2021.
		3. Approved the ISER, which has been mailed out to ACCJC. The ACCJC team will be visiting virtually from March 8-11, 2021.
	2. Winter and spring semesters will be online. There is encouraging news on the vaccine, but it is not widely available. State Chancellor Eloy Oakley is working to get vaccinations for students in the health sciences division.
	3. PCC has opted out of participating in athletics in the first half of spring (Spring 1 season). The college has until February 26th to decide on the second half. The Los Angeles county has been steadfast on no athletics. CCCAA is working on making sure that no one loses a year of eligibility.
4. **Reports**
	1. Altamirano provided the following ALE report:
		1. ALE has their end of the year event and Michaela Mares-Tamayo presented on the Title V Abriendo Caminos grant with information on how ALE can participate.
		2. ALE has held monthly meetings with a focus on various themes every month such as empowerment, technology, financial literacy and shared governance.
		3. ALE will hold their board elections in early June 2021.
	2. Altamirano reported that FYE looked at data to determine how many students currently registered for fall didn’t register for a spring course. Out of the 2000 students, 754 were LatinX students who had yet to register for spring. Out of the 754 LatinX students, 98 hadn’t either completed their online orientation or Ed plan. The team has been contacting the students and as of today, all 98 have completed their missing item and are fully matriculated. Communication with students is extremely critical.
	3. Michaela Mares-Tamayo provided the following updates:
		1. Abriendo Camino has been an ongoing collaboration with the Pathways to Completion II grant.
		2. All of the TRIO programs are almost done with their annual performance reports.
		3. PASS is performing at a much higher level in comparison to all of the other sister colleges.
		4. Working with Tooktook Thongthiraj and CAPE to finalize the API resource guide.
		5. Armia Walker will be leading the Black African American Student Advisory Squad. The next data symposium will focus on African American students.
	4. Desiree Hernandez provided the following QUEST updates:
		1. There have been issues with receiving LAUSD transcripts for some students.
		2. DACA is officially back to the 2012 version and students are continuously utilizing the free attorney services being offered through the center.
		3. The QUEST Scholars Program Application will be launched this winter. Students will be able to apply and get individualized support.
		4. PCC was awarded the Dreamer Resource Liaison support funding for $88,208. This funding requires California Community Colleges to designate a Dreamer Resource Liaison to assist students meeting the requirements set forth in Senate Bill 74, Section 68130.5 by streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for those students.
	5. Murga reported that the achieving access project has been helping families most in need experiencing food insecurities and internet issues. Gift cards for markets, hot spots, and data plans are being provided to help these families.
	6. Trustee Osterling reported on the following:
		1. Four PCC trustees, including the student trustee, will be serving on the Center for Educational Innovation (“CEI”) Taskforce on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (“DEI”) initiatives.
		2. PCC was the first community college to use the blind screening hiring method in California.
		3. PCC is the first community college in the State to hire the Chief Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Officer. Caringella provided feedback on the extensive blind screening hiring process with the affinity groups.
		4. Endrijonas stated that the college will be putting more focus on career ladders and mentoring within PCC. The college will need to change the way things are for classified employees so that they can qualify for positions to help them develop equitably.
5. **Announcements** (None)
6. **Adjourn** at 10:50AM