PCC Logo**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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

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

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

**10:00 AM – 11:30AM**

Zoom Meeting

**Members Present**: R. Aceves, C. Altamirano, M. Alvarez, A. Boekelheide, K. Bolen, A. Chavez, E. Endrijonas, G. Hernandez, K. Lopez, R. Martinez, S. Murga, I. Ocegueda, C. Olivo, J. Osterling Y. Perez, I. Ramirez, D. Recarte

**Minutes**

1. **Welcome and Introductions** at 10:03AM
2. **President’s Report** (Erika Endrijonas)
   1. The demolition of the Armen Sarafian building will start once the asbestos has been completely removed. Pasadena City College (PCC) went through the S&P Credit rating process and received a good bond rating, which will help to finance the 20% of the project cost when the bonds are sold.
   2. The Governor’s Budget was released and unfortunately, deferrals are still in place for community colleges so PCC will stop receiving payments from the State until July 1st.
   3. PCC will be receiving $30 million in federal aid funds and a minimum amount will need to be spent on direct student aid, but no further guidelines or rules have been provided yet.
   4. PCC will be holding a COVID-19 Town Hall on Thursday, February 18th at 9:00AM, to update the community with any available information. PCC has served as a vaccination site for about a month and has placed an order for 1000 Moderna vaccines, but the supply is short.
   5. PCC will be going through its comprehensive ACCJC accreditation visit from March 8th to the 11th; the team will be led by Dr. Ed Bush.
3. **Reports** 
   1. Trustee Osterling reported that the PCC trustees will be reviewing the DEI mission statement at the Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting that evening.
   2. Alvarez provided an update on a variety of events and efforts being made by ALE, such as tips on home buying, a student panel, mental health toolkit, etc.
   3. Altamirano reported that ALE will be awarding $6,000 in scholarships via a virtual recognition event in May 2021.
   4. Ocegueda reported that an [MOU](http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/pasadena/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BMDVZ98322E0) with El Monte Union High School District will be presented to the trustees for approval that evening.
   5. As the president of Colegas, Olivo reported on previous and upcoming Colegas [events](https://cccolegas.org/comunidadhome/noticiasnews/), as well as the leadership cohort program.
   6. Olivo reported that faculty have been selected for reassigned time to work on the Abriendo Caminos Grant. Alvarez inquired about opening the opportunity for classified staff to assist with the grant and gain experience.
   7. Murga provided the following updates on Adelante:
      1. Life skills workshops are being provided by a licensed marriage therapist.
      2. Tutors from the Hixon program continuing to provide tutoring.
   8. Recarte provided the following updates on the [QUEST Center](https://pasadena.edu/campus-life/quest-center/index.php):
      1. The QUEST Scholars Program is an educational and empowerment program that will help individualize support to undocumented and LGBTQ+ students. The resources and services will help keep students engaged and individualized their need.
      2. The center continues to provide DACA workshops and will host undocumented and lavender chats.
4. **Announcements**
   1. Martinez announced that she will be participating in a play in Texas.
   2. Ramirez announced that there will be a community meeting with Mayor Victor Gordo and District 5 Councilmember Jess Rivas on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss steps the City is taking to keep the community safe, plans for programming at the Villa Parke Community Center, and an update on access to the COVID-19 vaccine.
   3. Aceves provided an update on MPYD with the change in operations, virtual office hours, and tutoring.
5. **Adjourn** at 11:10AM