**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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

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

**Wednesday, July 15, 2020**

**10:00 AM – 11:30AM**

Pasadena City College

Zoom Meeting

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**: Carlos Altamirano, Ana Chavez, Erika Endrijonas, Desiree Hernandez, Kristi Lopez, Jeanette Pace, Yuny Parada, Michaela Mares-Tamayo, Isela Ocegueda, Cynthia Olivo, Desiree Recarte, Desiree Zuniga

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 10:04AM.

1. **Approval of Minutes- June 17, 2020** (Approved)
2. **President’s Report (Erika Endrijonas)**
	1. With the recent surge in COVID-19 positive cases, classified staff and managers are back to working on campus one day a week.
	2. There are no face-to-face classes scheduled for the summer session and the college plans to have 10% of fall courses be in person.
	3. President Trump rescinded its Visa requirement on international students taking online-only courses in the fall semester. The state of California had joined the lawsuit initiated by Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
	4. Dr. Endrijonas has been elected the chair of the [California Community College Athletic Association](https://www.cccaasports.org/landing/index) board and as of last week, all fall sports were moved to spring contingent upon the status of pandemic.
	5. Today is Tax Day and the governor had signed the budget at the end of June 2020, but there will be an August revision. Pasadena City College (“PCC”) anticipates to take a $30-million-dollar financial hit, but it will depend on whether the Hero’s Act passes.
	6. The PCC Board of Trustees (“BOT”) will be presented with a budget presentation at the BOT meeting later that evening.
	7. The contract with I8 catering services ended on June 30, 2020. PCC had done a Request for Proposal (“RFP”), but decided to reject it since the college isn’t open. In the meantime, there will be grab-and-go items at the bookstore. If PCC suddenly has the ability to open up, there is a plan to bring food trucks on campus until the RFP process is completed.
3. **Hiring Diverse Faculty/Administrators (Aragon)**
4. Olivo stated that PCC has a partnership with the Center for Race and Equity at USC, who has developed many tools to help close equity gaps. PRISM is one of their tools that helps to recruit people from diverse background. PCC has a contract with USC to utilize this tool and the Chief Diversity Officer position as well as the Vice President of Instruction position will be uploaded to this database.
5. Endrijonas explained that PRISM is one tool PCC is using to help with hiring diverse faculty and administrators. There is a focus on targeted recruitment and looking at how to advertise in order to make certain it is culturally sensitive.
6. Altamirano made a request for constant professional development training and for those sessions to be led by people of color.
7. **Faculty/Admin Internship Programs (Aragon)**
8. Aragon was not present to speak about the requested agenda item.
9. Endrijonas gave an overview of LACCD’s [Project Match](https://www.laccd.edu/Departments/EPIE/Pages/Project-Match.aspx) program for individuals who want to teach in the LA district and don’t have community college experience. The goal is to have a diversified pool of people to teach and if an individual had completed the program, they received extra consideration because it was a program about how to teach and how to introduce equity into the classroom.
10. **Reports**
* Kristi Lopez, representative from Senator Portantino’s Office, provided the following updates:
	+ The Legislature reconvenes for a joint session on July 27, 2020.
	+ Two members have tested positive for COVID-19 and it is uncertain what the committee process will look like.
	+ Senator Portantino introduced [Senate Bill 729](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200SB729), which requires food employees working in a food facility to wash their hands every 30 minutes
	+ A total of 500 bags of food were donated to a food bank.
* Altamirano reported that ALE will be having a board meeting the next day and is currently in elections for three board positions.
* Mares-Tamayo provided a report on a 5-year Title V Grant titled “Abriendo Caminos- Opening Pathways to Institutionalize Equity”. This is the framework that has been adopted through the CA community system to be help support students at every point while navigating and empowering students as they reach their goals. A data symposium will be held on September 15th and 28th to discuss what it is we are learning from that data and make recommendations for actual activities.
* Ocegueda reported that PCC has a total of 10 Pasadena high schools signed up for dual enrollment. Dual enrollment memorandums with South Pasadena Unified School District and Arcadia Unified School District were approved at the June 17th Board of Trustees meeting.
1. **Announcements**
	1. Altamirano announced that he will be serving on a panel for USC Educational Counseling.
2. **Adjourn** at 10:55AM