



PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
President's Latino Advisory Committee (PLAC)
Mission: *To enhance the success of Latino students at PCC*



Thursday, October 13, 2016, 10:00 AM
President's Conference Room

Members in attendance: M. Alvarez, E. Bustillos, S. Davila, D. Leyba, R. Martínez, S. Murga, Y. Parada, I. Ramirez, E. Torres de Siegrist, R. Vurdien

Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Update

President Vurdien announced that the Aspen Institute has named Pasadena City College one of the top ten community colleges in the nation. PCC is a finalist for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence — one of only 10 schools nationwide to receive this honor. The ASPEN prize will be announced in March 2017. President Vurdien shared that the Community College League ranked PCC #1 in California in the following areas: number of degrees awarded, number of degrees awarded to minority students, and number #1 in the number of degrees awarded to Asian American students. Additionally, President Vurdien shared that PCC has some budget restraints that effects building construction and improvements. President Vurdien stated that ACCJC is sending a team on Oct. 19 to review the actions PCC has taken to address the nine recommendations. President Vurdien reviewed the success rate of students at PCC based on their ethnicity (handout). Co-Chair Martínez requested that the committee review the data provided and discuss in more detail during the next PLAC meeting.

Co-Chair Update

Co-Chair Martínez announced that the Latino Heritage Parade will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Student Affairs Update

No update.

Old Business

2017 Scholarship Fundraiser

D. Leyba inquired about the status of scholarship thank you letters to donors. Co-Chair Martínez stated that thank you letters were not mailed to donors. Members of PLAC will convene after the meeting to further discuss the letters.

Co-Chair Martínez requested that the committee set a date for the 2017 scholarship fundraiser. Co-Chair Martínez will email PLAC members and request volunteers to serve on the 2017 scholarship fundraiser sub-committee. Co-Chair Martínez will also provide the 2016 timeline.

New Business

Outreach Efforts

President Vurdien will invite Tameka Alexander, Director of Outreach and Transfer to the next PLAC meeting to discuss PCC outreach efforts.

Meeting Changes

Co-Chair Martínez stated that there has been an ongoing discussion regarding PLAC meeting times. It was suggested that the committee meet quarterly. If the committee agrees to meet quarterly, sub-committees must continue to meet frequently. The committee tabled the discussion and moved to continue during the next PLAC meeting.

Elections

Co-Chair Martínez stated that she would like to establish a formal election process. Co-Chair Martínez will form a nominating committee and seeks to have elections by December. The nominating committee will define job assignments and qualities of a co-chair.

Around the Table

Y. Parada shared that she is in an HBO movie titled, Mal de Ojo. The movie premieres on HBO Latino, on November 1st.

S. Murga shared that she is in the final planning stages of the Adelante Young Men 2016 conference. The conference will be held on Saturday, November 12.

M. Alvarez shared that the MESA grant was renewed. Additionally, the Tech Savvy event will be held on April 8, 2016.

Future Topics

none

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Future Meeting Dates:

Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.