**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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

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

# Committee Minutes

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

*Members Present*: J. Carbajal, A. Chavez, E. Endrijonas, D. Leyba, M. Mares, M. Morales, S. Murga, I. Ocegueda, Y. Parada

# Welcome and Introductions

Meeting called to order at 10:09AM.

# Approval of Minutes: April 17th, 2019 (Approved)

# President’s Report (Erika Endrijonas)

* 1. There is a special joint board meeting today with the Associated Students board.
		1. At the board meeting, PCC will be recognizing the Speech and Debate Team for ranking first in the nation at the National Collegiate Speech and Debate Tournament. The coaches will also receive recognition and plaques for winning the Mariner Award.
		2. Student journalists from the PCC Courier will be recognized for receiving awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges annual state conference held in March of 2019.
		3. Dr. Michael Bush will be introduced at the board meeting for contract approval of his appointment as the new Assistant Superintendent/Vice President for Business Services starting on June 3rd, 2019.
	2. The [Governor’s May Revise](http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/) came out and it is okay news for the community colleges. A lot of it revolves around the student funding formula, which the Chancellor’s Office was supposed to fully fund this year; there is a possibility PCC will take a financial hit at the end of the year and face a budget cut. There was a commitment to funding the formula for 2019-20, but not for the current fiscal year. If PCC were to get properly funded, we would get an extra $6 million.
	3. Endrijonas visited the State Capitol on May 1st with Dr. Jack Scott to advocate for the Sarafian Building. It was not included in the May revise, but there is strong support from Senator Portantino.
		1. If funding is received from the state, the condition set in place is to house the departments and offices that were previously housed in the building, which include many of the science programs.
	4. Endrijonas reported on the request to understand the ethnicity of people hired in the last 10 years.
		1. Overall, 447 people have been hired in the last 10 years.
		2. Out of the 447 hires, 38.7% have been white, 33.1% have been Hispanic, and 13.9% have been African American.
		3. Out of the 447 hires, 58% were women and 41% were male.
		4. PCC is in the process of hiring 46 new faculty employees right now so these numbers will fluctuate.

# Reports

* 1. Cynthia Olivo reported on the following items:
		1. **Noche de Excellencia**- The Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019, at 6:00pm in the Creveling Lounge. There are a total of 25 students receiving $1,000 scholarships each. The guest speaker, Santiago Vernal, is local this year and has been working at PCC for ten years; he is a part time employee who helps all of our students and is a partner for us at the Center for Community College Transfer at UCLA.
		2. **Latinx Graduation**- PCC’s third annual Latinx graduation will be held on June 7th, 2019, at 5PM in the Sexson Auditorium.
		3. **Career Closet Boutique**- PCC Foster Youth Program piloted its first Career Closet Boutique collecting career clothes for the past month from faculty, staff, and students.
		4. **AB705**- All students starting in the fall semester will start with college level math and English classes. Our job is to support students and help them be successful right off the bat.
			1. Through the counseling services, students will receive assistance picking the right math class; liberal arts math and science math are the two options.
			2. A website is being developed to help provide guidance to students with this process.
			3. Two new faculty members will be hired specifically for the Writing Support Center to assist with the high demand of [tutoring](https://pasadena.edu/academics/support/success-centers/writing-center/tutoring.php) needs and providing a variety of [workshops](https://pasadena.edu/academics/support/success-centers/writing-center/workshops.php).
			4. Four additional student workers were hired for DSPS.
		5. Michaela Mares and Jason Robinson led three Saturday workshops titled “Am I Colorblind and Do I Want to be?” Robinson has developed an equity classroom observation tool.
		6. **Title III HIS STEM Grants**- faculty members attended an off-campus Natural Sciences retreat focusing on the development of equity-minded classroom practices with the intention of closing equity gaps.
	2. S. Murga gave a report on the **25th Annual Adelante Mujer Latina Conference** held at Pasadena City College on May 4th. The keynote speaker was Dr. Cynthia Olivo and there was a vast array of workshops being offered throughout the day.
	3. M. Mares reported on the upcoming **2019-2022 Student Equity Plan** that is making its way through the shared governance process and will be presented to the board at the next board of trustees meeting on June 19, 2019. Representatives from all constituencies have participated in the development of the plan. The proposed plan is flexible enough to get more input and be responsive to student needs.
	4. M. Morales gave a report on EOP&S with regards to the Chancellor’s Office. There was a meeting held in Sacramento to discuss talks about the dismantling of EOP&S, removing the director position, and removing the three contacts with counselors every semester. The Chancellor’s Office can make changes to Title 5 guidelines, which governs how we do things. Attendees as a whole voiced their agreement to not change anything in the current structure. The Chancellor’s Office provided data that didn’t reflect the correct completion rate for PCC; they showed a 14% completion rate, but PCC’s completion rate is 70 percent.

# Announcements

J. Carbajal announced that classes such as “Introduction to College” will now be offered at the Adelante Youth Alliance. PCC is in progress of offering PUSD students more for credit classes. PCC continues to offer classes at John Muir High School with hopes of 9th graders completing their first year with six credits of college units and eventually completing their first year in college while in high school.

1. **Adjourn: 11:28am**