PCC Logo**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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

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

# **Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

*Members Present*: C. Altamirano, J. Carbajal-Ramos, E. Endrijonas, M. Mares, R. Martinez, I. Ocegueda, Y. Parada

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 10:08AM.

1. **Approval of Minutes: May 15th, 2019 (Approved)**
2. **President’s Report (Erika Endrijonas)**
   1. Graduation was held on June 14th and it was a great success! There was a full house and lots of energy.
   2. The Board of Trustees meeting will be held this evening.
      1. The Student Equity Plan will be presented for approval.
      2. The 2019-2020 Tentative Budget will be presented for approval.
         * There will be a presentation on the 2019-2020 Tentative Budget, which is based on what the college believes the governor will sign; the final budget will be approved in September 2019.
         * Overall, the budget is good for community colleges and PCC is expected to get fully funded, although, the college has yet to be fully funded for the current fiscal year.
         * The college where the student graduates from will receive the funding as opposed to where the student lives. The Department of Finance had proposed paying according to the district of residence to avoid paying double for one student.
         * The hold harmless rule has been extended for an additional year.
         * The Sarafian Building is on the list for 80% percent of the budget; PCC will likely be pursuing a bond in November 2020 for the remaining balance. The plans for the building are expected to be out of the Division of State Architect in the next six weeks. There is a lot of competition for construction and the cost of escalation in construction is about 6% a year, which is expected to increase with the recent tariffs on Chinese steel.
   3. The hiring committees have done a great job with forwarding along great individuals to the final interviews; PCC has hired 45 out of 46 faculty positions.
3. **Reports**
   1. **Noche de Excellencia** (Mares-Tamayo & Altamirano)
      1. The Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner was well attended on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019. This event is partially sponsored by PLAC and continues to grow every year with other groups joining the program and presenting their scholarships on the same night.
      2. The Foundation awarded $29,000 in scholarships, but PLAC itself only awarded three to four of those scholarships due to limited funding. The great thing about the PLAC scholarships is the committee’s ability to be more lenient with the minimum qualifications, which extends the opportunity to many students who may not meet the specific guidelines in terms of GPA or units set by the Foundation.
      3. PLAC was required to have at least $5,000 in reserves before and the amount has been lowered to $2,500, but even with this rule, PLAC was only able to award a few scholarships. There is a need for more fundraising and outreach; Dr. Olivo recommended Ana Chavez to be the lead.
   2. **Year-End Celebrations Report** (Mares-Tamayo & Altamirano)
      1. **1st Annual Lavender Luncheon**- It was a great opportunity to recognize seven LGBTQ students who signed up and wanted to be part of the celebration. Dr. Endrijonas was the keynote speaker connecting with the students on a broad and personal level. The students received a lavender graduation cord.
      2. **LatinX Graduation**– The 3rd Annual LatinX Graduation was celebrated on June 7th at the Sexson Auditorium reaching full capacity with family and friends. This celebration has grown from 60 graduates in the first year to over 160 graduates this year.
         * The keynote speakers were selected with great student collaboration.

* Dr. Mares-Tamayo reported that she has received over 180 surveys and a total of 60 graduates agreed to be interviewed; they will be asked questions about their educational history, support system, barriers, etc.
* Resource tables from local services were set up to provide information to all guests. There were family members seeking to come back to school and were able to sign up on the spot.
* In the future, the committee will be collaborating with the Child Development Center to provide activities for kids.
  + 1. **Continuing the Journey Celebration**- This was the 1st annual event for PCC formerly incarcerated students. The speaker gave a very impactful keynote speech. Dr. Olivo was able to work with the PCC Flea Market and the Foundation in awarding a total of $7,500 in scholarships to formerly incarcerated students. The application for the scholarships were emailed to the campus to share with students.
  1. **Equity Plan Preview** (Mares-Tamayo)



* + 1. Dr. Mares-Tamayo presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Student Equity Plan. The goal is to remove equity gaps by 2027.
    2. There was a collective work effort in creating a [plan](https://pasadena.edu/student-services/student-equity/student-equity-plans.php) to address the gaps. The plan includes a lot more information than the overview provided in the PowerPoint. It covers three years with room built in for flexibility allowing PCC to be more responsive to students.
  1. **LatinX Graduation** (Olivo)
     1. There has been an increase in the number of student graduates. This year, PCC had a record number of completions for associate degrees.
        + 1506 LatinX completers
        + 918 Asian Pacific Islander completers
        + 104 African American completers
     2. PCC continuously works hard and puts in a lot of effort to guide its students through their completion process. Student Services is trying to identify the students a year prior to graduating.

1. **Around the Table**
   1. Yanny Parada announced that [Leadership Pasadena](http://www.leadershippasadena.org/) has a cohort going through.
   2. Roberta Martinez shared two events:
      1. The [La Plaza de Cultura y Artes Fundraiser](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sold-out-una-noche-linda-la-plaza-awards-gala-honoring-linda-ronstadt-and-latinx-james-beard-award-tickets-58754873408) will be taking place on June 26th
      2. The CASA 0101 [Brown and Out Fest](file:///C:\Users\agalukyan\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Word\8.%09https:\www.facebook.com\brownandoutfest\%3f__tn__=K-R&eid=ARCyrabj3itJBqnW9Azz3RXwpz_7czwx-6KJm1BAfpO57ZpvZPHO4YNDEABNPMG9SwL5nwHRfVFAtPnX&fref=mentions) is open now through July 7, 2019 with multiple plays and a film that celebrates the LGBTQ+ LatinXperience.
   3. Isela Ocegueda, in collaboration with Carrie Starbird, Dean of Mathematics, have created four 8-weeks cohort classes. Students will either start with statistics and go on to English 1A or vice versa. This was created partly to address the equity gap in English and math. If this program is successful, more cohort classes will be scheduled.
   4. Javier Carbajal-Ramos made the following announcements:
      1. A meeting was held with PUSD to discuss upcoming construction at PCC Northwest; the classrooms are being updated and discussions were held about parking, ADA accessibility, as well as access and usage of the rooms.
      2. PCC will be taking over the 9th graders calculus classes at PUSD and get dual enrollment credit.
      3. The dual enrollment speech class at Rose City High School has a 80% pass rate. Initially, the majority of the class was failing until Carbajal-Ramos had a discussion with their staff to schedule support for the students (tutoring, help with writing, etc.). Speech and English will be offered in the fall semester with a designated tutoring area.
      4. The classes being offered at PUSD coincides with the shift in demographics. This summer, PCC will be offering Introduction to Career to adult learners. There are discussions taking place to determine what services can be provided to adults in the high school program.
   5. Isela Ocegueda was voted to be on the board for the Adelante program.
2. **Adjourn: 11:31am**