**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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

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

# **Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

*Members Present*: C. Altamirano, M. Alvarez, J. Carbajal-Ramos, A. Chavez, E. Endrijonas, H. Hilsman, D. Leyba, M. Mares-Tamayo, S. Murga, I. Ocegueda, Y. Parada, I. Ramirez

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 10:05AM.

1. **Approval of Minutes: June 19th, 2019 (Approved)**

Unanimously approved; Trustee Hilsman abstained.

1. **President’s Report (Erika Endrijonas)**
	1. Governor Newsom signed the [budget](http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/) and PCC will be receiving an additional $2.5 million for fiscal year 2018-19. Due to the hold harmless rule, this is not the full amount PCC is eligible for based on the Student Centered Funding Formula; PCC is still down by about $1 million.
	2. The budget also included $45 million of Prop 51 dollars for the Armen Sarafian Building, which covers approximately 80% of the total cost. Once the plans are out of the State Architect’s Office, the bid process can be initiated for demolition and site preparation.
	3. Summer enrollments are good and will push some FTES towards fiscal year 2019-20.
	4. [PCC’s Welcome Center](https://pasadena.edu/future-students/welcome.php) is now open and is such a great way to welcome new students. The center is there to guide students, answer questions, and assist with certain paperwork. Dr. Endrijonas pointed out that research is showing there is a benefit to approaching students and giving them what they need without assuming they know everything.
	5. Trustee Hilsman announced that there will be an important organizational meeting that night and the trustees will be electing new officers of the Board for fiscal year 2019-20.
		1. At the July 17th board meeting, the trustees will discuss their upcoming self-evaluation of themselves and complete an evaluation of Superintendent President, Dr. Erika Endrijonas. Trustee Hilsman voiced that they are very happy with what is happening at the college and its new leadership; he acknowledged the hard work of Dr. Endrijonas and her staff for their accomplishment in solidifying the funds for the Sarafian building.
2. **Reports**
	1. **ALE Update** (Altamirano)
		1. The Association of Latino Employees has elected a new board:
			* President: Carlos "Tito" Altamirano
			* Vice President: Angie Alvarez
			* Secretary: Sandra Parra
			* Treasurer: Dr. Iris Lucero
			* Scholarship Chair: Margarita Regalado Rivera
			* Community Relations Chair: Melva Alvarez
			* Educational Events Chair: Dr. Michaela Mares-Tamayo
			* Social Events Chair: Jeanette Pace
			* Classified Representative: Ernesto Partida
			* Faculty Representative: Desiree Zuniga
			* Management Representative: Eladio Fernandez

The board will be updating its by-laws and taking to heart the different roles they have on campus as well as all that can be offered to the college and the community.

1. ALE will hold its annual Bienvenido Day on August 26th to welcome students back to campus with snacks and beverages.
2. Mirva Alvarez reported on the classes being offered at the [Pasadena Job Center](http://pasadenajobcenter.com/) and shared the community’s desire for more services. The center offers many [resources](http://pasadenajobcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Pasadena-Community-Job-Center-Brochure-2013.pdf) and recently built its own radio station to train members with more innovative tasks. The center is largely funded through a national organization and by a grant from the City of Pasadena. ALE will now be promoting their services at their location.
	1. **LatinX (Hispanic) Heritage Celebration** (Altamirano)

*September 15th to October 15th*

* + 1. The staff and faculty mixer will be held on September 17th from 12:00PM to 1:00PM. The location is yet to be determined.
		2. The annual PCC Dodgers Night will take place on Friday, September 20th at 7:10PM. The cost to attend this social fundraising event is $70 per person. There will be an all you can eat section and if more than 75 tickets are sold, the group can take a picture on the field. If anyone is unable to attend, a ticket can be purchased and donated for a student to attend.
		3. Dr. Endrijonas suggested ending the celebration with a Best Tasting Salsa Contest to be held on October 15th before the Board of Trustees meeting.
		4. The [Latino Heritage Parade and Festival](https://www.visitpasadena.com/events/latino-heritage-festival/) will be held on October 19th from 11:00AM to 4:00PM at the Villa Parke Community Center. Dr. Cynthia Olivo will be the Grand Marshall of the parade.
		5. There was a discussion about various workshops and scholarly topics that can be organized as part of the celebration.
1. **New Business**
2. Stella Murga from Adelante Youth Alliance shared the following announcements:
	* 1. A Beautification Day event was organized to clean up a neighborhood park next to Madison Elementary. Numerous bags of trash were collected and the event was a great success.
		2. The [summer program](http://adelanteya.org/index.php/adelante-academy/adelante-summer-program) this year will involve podcasts; kids will identify the topics and conduct the interviews.
		3. A community meeting was held last week to discuss tenants’ rights; the main purpose was to inform people of their rights and how to deal with landlords.
		4. [Adelante PCC Course](http://adelanteya.org/index.php/adelante-academy/adelante-pcc-course)- “Introduction to College” is currently being offered to a small class size of students receiving one unit for the course. Javier Carbajal-Ramos announced the next course will be “Library Research”, which supports the seniors’ thesis report.
		5. The [Adelante Young Men Conference](http://adelanteya.org/index.php/adelante-conferences/adelante-young-men-conference) will take place on October 26, 2019.
		6. Services have been expanded to include mindfulness training.
3. Trustee Hilsman initiated a discussion about the current environment in terms of the immigration debate; members shared their observations of changes on campus and in the community that has largely been induced by fear. Dr. Endrijonas welcomed any informative resource recommendations that can be included in an additional email to the campus community.
4. Ana Chavez inquired about campus security for students taking classes in the evening. She voiced her concern for the students’ safety with recent events in the community related to gang violence and the increase in the homeless population. Dr. Endrijonas will talk to the Vice President of Administration about campus security patrolling.
5. Chavez inquired about PCC’s partnership with Marshall and the need for more math and English tutors. Javier Carbajal-Ramos mentioned that there have been discussions about the additional tutors and they are still exploring the request.
6. An inquiry was made about PCC’s involvement with voter registration. Dr. Endrijonas mentioned that Alex Boekelheide is in conversation with the city and PCC is looking at potentially being a voter station in March.
	* 1. Carbajal-Ramos stated that there is a voter registration link on Lancer Point encouraging everyone to vote.
7. **Adjourn: 11:30AM**