**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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

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

# **Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

*Members Present*: C. Altamirano, M. Alvarez, A. Chavez, E. Endrijonas, M. Estrada, H. Hilsman, D. Leyba, I. Ocegueda, C. Olivo, I. Ramirez, H. Rodriguez

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting called to order at 10:06AM.

1. **Approval of Minutes: July 17th, 2019 (Approved)**
2. **President’s Report (Erika Endrijonas)**
	1. KPCC will be presenting at the Board of Trustees meeting that evening. They’re trying to expand their audience and do more with local stories.
	2. Fall enrollment numbers are steady. Cynthia Olivo reported that head count is a little lower compared to last year, however, the units per student have increased.
	3. The first week of the fall semester starts on Monday, August 26th and there will be multiple “What Huts” located across campus to answer questions and assist students. Dr. Endrijonas, executive staff members, counselors, coaches and volunteers will be staffing the huts.
	4. Professional Development Day will kick off at the Sexson Auditorium on Friday, August 23rd at 8:00AM. The keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Sumun L. Pendakur, who serves as the Chief Learning Officer and Director of the USC Equity Institutes at the USC Race and Equity Center.
	5. The final 2019-2020 budget will be adopted at the September 11th Board of Trustees meeting.
	6. AB302 Parking Bill- The basic idea behind this bill is to open up college parking lots to homeless students with vehicles only, but there is zero funding attached to the bill. After some statewide pushback, there have been a few amendments with another update expected in the near future.
	7. Food for Thought Bill- Dr. Endrijonas will be joining Congressman Adam Schiff at a roundtable discussion on September 5th at Los Angeles City College. The goal is to figure out how to extend free and reduced cost of food for community college students.
3. **Reports** (Altamirano)
4. **Bienvenido Day** - ALE will hold its annual Bienvenido Day on August 26th to welcome students back to campus with snacks and beverages in the morning and afternoon.



1. **LatinX (Hispanic) Heritage Celebration** (Altamirano)

*September 15th to October 15th*

* + 1. The staff and faculty mixer will be held on Tuesday, September 17th from 12:00PM to 1:00PM at the CA North Patio.

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* + 1. 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.



* + 1. The goal is to highlight the successes of the culture. Staff members will be highlighting their research in a series of workshops throughout the month.
		2. October 15th is the last day of the celebration; ALE would like to have an official agenda item posted for that evening’s Board of Trustees meeting to report out on the many celebrations.
1. **Latino Heritage Parade**- The [Latino Heritage Parade and Festival](https://www.visitpasadena.com/events/latino-heritage-festival/) will be held on Saturday, 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. Dr. Endrijonas will be partaking in the parade and PCC will have a table set up for recruitment.
2. **Adelante Young Men Conference-** The [conference](https://www.adelanteya.org/index.php/adelante-conferences/adelante-young-men-conference) will take place on Saturday, October 26th at Pasadena City College. There are about 70 workshop presentations and nearly 1200 students attending.
3. **New Business**
	1. Dr. Olivo announced that PCC is exploring a Men of Color program. The first effort is to create a master calendar to share with faculty and everyone on campus.
	2. PCC provides free [Personal Counseling](https://pasadena.edu/campus-life/personal-counseling/index.php) to about six thousand students a year; students can see a therapist up to six times.
	3. Trustee Hoyt Hilsman announced that the Associated Student Union coordinated voter registrations in the past and currently, there is some conversation about having a voting station on campus for four days, but the details have not been finalized yet. It’s a huge deal because it makes it easier for Los Angeles County students to vote.
	4. Melva Alvarez reported out on events, programs and multiple outreach efforts.
		1. The Latino Civic Engagement has new leadership. They’re offering a variety of workshops including citizenship and naturalization workshops.
		2. Alvarez met with the regional and site director of the Pasadena Community Job Center and connected them with Assistant Superintendent / Senior Vice President, Dr. Robert Bell, to start discussions about an internship work-based readiness class.
		3. There are many STEM based workshops being offered such as Noche de Ciencias (Night of Science) and Tech Savvy for students and community members.
4. **Adjourn: 11:30AM**