**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

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

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

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

**10:00 AM – 11:30AM**

Pasadena City College

Zoom Meeting

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Angie Alvarez, Kari Bolen, Graciela Caringella, Ana Chavez, Erika Endrijonas, Kristi Lopez, Stella Murga, Cynthia Olivo, Jim Osterling, Yuny Parada

1. **Welcome** at 10:09AM
2. **Approval of Minutes** (May 19, 2021) – Postponed to July Meeting
3. **President’s Report** (Erika Endrijonas)
	1. Pasadena City College received a $30 million donation from the landmark investment author and philanthropist Mackenzie Scott. The funds are unrestricted and for the first three years, PCC will need to file a report no more than three pages long describing how the funds are being utilized. The gift comes as a vote of confidence in Dr. Endrijonas’ leadership and her team, PCC’s reputation for Pathways to economic mobility, and the strength of the PCC Foundation.
	2. The Board of Trustees will be holding their monthly meeting that evening and will be reviewing the tentative budget. The Senate and Assembly have agreed on a budget, but Governor Newsom hasn’t agreed to sign it. A joint statement, AB 128, has been published in response.



* 1. ACCJC met last week and PCC should receive its accreditation action letter within the next two weeks.
	2. Over 700 students attended the car-mencement on Saturday, June 12th.
1. **Reports & Announcements**
	1. Kristi Lopez provided updates on higher education items in Senate, including the following financial aid rewards:
		1. $15 million ongoing to create the Foster Youth Cal Grant Access Award, which provides foster youth Cal Grant recipients an access award of up to $6,000.
		2. Eliminating the age and time out of high school eligibility requirements for Cal Grant, starting in 2021-22 for CCC students and 2022-23 for all students. This would provide 130,000 more CCC students, and 50,000 more students in other segments access to Cal Grant.
		3. Increasing the Cal Grant B Access Award from $1,548 to $1,876 for CCC students in 2021-22, and to $2,000 to all students in 2022-23.
		4. Providing a cost-of-living adjustment to the private non-profit tuition award of $9,084.
		5. Providing $542 million to reboot the Middle-Class Scholarship to expand to low-income and middle-income students to help address the total cost of attendance. This is funded at 33 percent, and will phase in to 100 percent over time.
		6. Providing $4 billion one-time to create the Capacity and Affordable Student Housing Fund to be used over four years to support higher education capital outlay facilities at UC and CSU for capacity expansion and acquisition, and funding to support the public segments in developing affordable student housing.
		7. Providing $1.45 billion to fully pay-down the CCC deferrals.
		8. Providing various investments for student support services: $4.9 million ongoing for Umoja, $8 million ongoing for MESA, $7 million ongoing for Puente Program, $20 million ongoing for EOPS, $10 million ongoing to support the Rising Scholars, $1.3 million ongoing for Historically Black Colleges and Universities Transfer Pathways, and $24 million ongoing for the Student Equity and Achievement Program.
	2. Murga announced that Adelante is in the process of accepting resumes and setting up interviews for the Adelante Executive Director position.
	3. Alvarez provided the following ALE & FYE updates:
		1. ALE elections concluded early this year with a brand-new board.
			1. Jason Vasquez, ALE President
			2. Ernesto Partida, ALE Vice President
		2. The last ALEmuerzo for the fiscal year will be held on Wednesday, June 23, at 12:00PM via Zoom.
		3. There are 14,092 potential FYE students, out of which 3,028 are LatinX.
	4. Olivo shared that the Pathways Center has started seeing students in-person and provided an update on Student Services.
	5. The CORE graduation will take place on Saturday, June 29th.
2. **Adjourn** at 10:38AM