



May 26, 2020

SPECIAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Public comment included information on the virtual student services currently provided; the need for public spaces for students; the impact of COVID-19 on trade and industry courses; the proposed opening of the Early Childhood Education Lab School; a design award for the M&O building, and acknowledgement of the work being done by faculty and staff during this unprecedented time.

President Hensch expressed her thanks for the work and dedication that is continuing at the College to serve the students. She stated her appreciation for the high level of participation by staff and faculty in the ongoing state of the budget meetings and for their continuation of coming together for our students. Trustee Hensch reiterated the need to continue to learn from the past and build a better college going forward.

Vice President Nina Deerfield stated her support for the lawsuit filed by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges against the Department of Education. The lawsuit outlines the fact that thousands of students have been precluded from receiving CARES Act funding. She thanked Student Trustee Linus Smith for his service. Trustee Deerfield recognized the encouraging words stated by fiscal monitor, Ken Stoppenbrink, during the campus-wide meeting earlier in the day.

Secretary Norma Miyamoto stated her appreciation for the statements regarding the importance of not only instructional services but that of our wonderful student services team. She recognized Linus Smith for his service as student trustee. Trustee Miyamoto also stated her gratitude for Dr. Kahn's leadership.

Trustee Evilsizer stated his concern about the fiscal crisis plaguing the state of California and the pending impact on higher education. He expressed his thanks to fiscal monitor, Ken Stoppenbrink, for his encouraging words during the campus-wide meeting earlier in the day. Trustee Evilsizer recognized the retirees and thanked Linus Smith for his service as student trustee. Lastly, he welcomed the incoming Assistant Superintendent/Vice President Vikash Likhani.

Trustee Halcón expressed his gratitude for Dr. Kahn's leadership and work during the last 6 months. He congratulated the retirees and wished them well. Trustee Halcón thanked student trustee, Linus Smith, for his service to the District and to the students of the College.

Student Trustee Linus Smith expressed his gratitude to all of the trustees for their kind words and time and dedication in providing information and advice throughout his service year. He announced the new student trustee will be Rachel Alazar, who will start in June.

Acting Superintendent/President Dr. Jack Kahn expressed his thanks for the approbations expressed during the start of the meeting. He stated his appreciation for the work of all staff and faculty and their dedication to the success of the students and the College. Dr. Kahn discussed the collaborative efforts that are taking place with businesses on highway 78. He also congratulated the retirees on their retirements.

Board Actions

At its meeting on May 12, 2020 the Board of Trustees:

- recognized the retirement of two employees, Karen Buehler for her 22 years of service, and Brenda Morris for 19 years of service.
- received a report containing a list of pending proposed Prop M projects.
- received an update on the FY19-20 marketing plan and the strategy for FY20-21.
- approved items on the Consent Calendar including: additions to the curriculum inventory of the College, personnel action report, ratification of one tentative agreement and three MOUs between the District and the Palomar Faculty Federation/AFT Local 616, and contracts and purchase orders.
- approved the hire of Dr. Vikash Lakhani as the permanent Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Student Services.
- reviewed and approved the FY19-20 EEO fund multiple method allocation certification form.
- approved a concurrent enrollment agreement with Grand Canyon University.
- adopted a resolution denouncing xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiment arising from fears of the COVID-19 pandemic and affirming Palomar's commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian Americans.
- adopted a resolution declaring emergency conditions and delegating authority to the Superintendent/President acting in response to the threat of the coronavirus (COVID-19).
- adopted a resolution affirming the unwavering commitment to Student Success and Equity as we respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- acknowledged the service of student trustee, Linus Smith.



GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Nancy Ann Hensch, *President*
Nina Deerfield, *Vice President*
Norma Miyamoto, *Secretary*
Mark Evilsizer, *Trustee*
John Halcón, Ph.D., *Trustee*
Linus Smith, *Student Trustee*

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

Dr. Jack Kahn

BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Governing Board room, SSC-1, Student Services Building, at the San Marcos campus on 2nd Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Closed session 4:00 p.m. | Open session 5:00 p.m.

June 9, 2020
July 14, 2020
August 11, 2020
September 8, 2020
October 13, 2020
November 10, 2020
December 15, 2020

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