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Star Rivera-Lacey, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

September 20, 2021

SPECIAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Public comment included the notable impact of the pandemic on students, and recognition of retirees, Sandra Richtmyer and Gregory Baker, and the promotion of Kelly Donaghy as the Executive Assistant in the Office of Instruction.

Board Vice President Evilsizer expressed his pleasure in facilitating a student equity panel at the annual student trustee conference. He stated his tenure on the California Community College Trustees (CCCT) Board ends in May 2022 and he encouraged his fellow trustees to consider a position on the Board. Trustee Evilsizer provided accolades to the organizers of the Fall 2021 Plenary, at which he welcomed over 500 attendees on behalf of the Governing Board. He also reported attending a workshop on vaccinations, presented by Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, on August 25, and a California Latino Community College Trustee and Administrator Board Retreat on August 27. Lastly, he congratulated Debra Doerfler on her pending retirement and thanked her for years of dedicated service.

Board Secretary Miyamoto recognized the retirements of Sandra Richtmyer and Gregory Baker and thanked Debra Doerfler for her dedicated service to the District as she announces her pending retirement. She also expressed her gratitude to all faculty and staff who contribute to the success of our students.

Trustee Garcia expressed his thanks to Debra Doerfler, as she readies for retirement, for all of her work, talent and dedication. He reiterated to students the importance of their commitment to their education and encouraged them to take advantage of all the College has to offer them along their path.

Trustee Rodriguez stated his gratitude to Debra Doerfler for her contributions to the District. He thanked the faculty, staff and administration for their work done to get the new academic year started and ready for students. Trustee Rodriguez reminded all of the importance of grace and understanding as we continue to make our way through this pandemic and its impact on the College. Lastly, he recognized the importance of Labor Day and the hard-working men and women in the United States.

Student Trustee Alazar thanked Debra Doerfler for all of her work and congratulated Kelly Donaghy on her promotion to Executive Assistant in the Office of Instruction. She recognized the work and dedication of staff and students to create the "Comet Together" event held during the first few days of the semester. Trustee Alazar ended with a mention of how the students seem to be better adjusting to online courses, their appreciation for a hybrid class schedule and the importance of getting COVID-19 vaccinations.

Superintendent/President Dr. Rivera-Lacey reported on her work in connecting with employees and community members as much as possible in the virtual environment. She recognized the Comet Together event held at the start of the semester as a great opportunity to engage students and she thanked all who were involved in this initiative. Dr. Rivera-Lacey mentioned her participation in the Associated Student Government (ASG) Comet Hour and enjoyed connecting with students. In addition, she reported attending many community engagement opportunities, including meetings with the Native American Advisory Council, Black African American Community Advisory Council, the leadership of Kaiser Hospital, and board member of the Vallecitos Water District. Lastly, she recognized the work that is going in to hiring of faculty and preparing for the March 2022 accreditation visit.

BOARD ACTIONS

At its meeting on September 7, 2021 the Board of Trustees:

- received a report from Helix Environmental regarding the athletics project, specifically, the Environmental Review for Project Changes.
- approved the appointments of Mary Jurgensen and Rachel Beld to the Measure M Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC).
- approved Board Policy 4025 - Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education.
- approved the 2020-21 Equal Employment Opportunity Fund Multiple Method Allocation Certification form.
- received, held a public hearing and approved the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget.
- reviewed and approved the Quarterly Investment Report, quarter ending June 30, 2021, as per government code section 53646(e).
- approved the Palomar College 5-year Construction Plan that outlines the capital needs of the FY2023-FY2027 5-year Capital Outlay plan.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

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SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

Star Rivera-Lacey, Ph.D.

BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Meetings are schedule to be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month in 2021. ***Due to COVID-19 all meetings are being held virtually. ***
Closed session 4:00 p.m. Open session 5:00 p.m.

October 5, 2021
November 2, 2021
December 7, 2021

For more information regarding these meetings please visit the Governing Board web page:
<https://www2.palomar.edu/pages/governingboard>

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