

**DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016** [Quorum Achieved]

**VOTING MEMBERS:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	
Astorga, Juan Carlos	Teamster Rep	Present
Bates, Maria	AFT, English, co-chair	Present
Lara Conady-Wong	Student Engagement Coordinator & Counselor / ASO Rep	<b>Absent</b>
Frederick, Loralyn	1521A, Staff Rep	Present
Habata, Michael	AFT, Library	Present
<b>Jernigan, Shytovia T</b>	<b>Trades Rep</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Pending Appointment	ASO Rep	<b>Absent</b>
Moran, Karen	Senate Rep	Present
Pierson, Brian	AFT Rep, Anthropology	Present
Valada, Christine	1521A, co-chair	<b>Absent</b>
Van, Candy	Supervisor Rep	Present
Velasco, Claudia	UMCE Rep	Present
Watson, Abby	Counseling Rep	Present

**Guests:**

Lisa Valdez	Library
Judy Bagg	English
Curt Duffy	English
Lori Travis	Speech
Shaheen Vaaz	Theater Arts

Meeting began at 11:20.

1. We reviewed the US Educators/Diversity Group on Facebook and discussed the implications of the sanctuary movement. Members had signed the letter and now the PDC was awaiting to see if the District Academic Senate would send a resolution to the Board. Currently, the Chancellor and the nine presidents have issued a statement to guarantee that DACA students are welcome at Pierce and the campus police will not participate in immigration deportations, arrests based on immigration status, or registries based on religion.
2. Members were concerned about Alt-Right speakers coming to visit Pierce in the future. The Pierce Republican group, an uncharted group of two people who claim our college's name, invited both Bannon and Milos to visit our campus. Maria was concerned that hate speech was being conflated with free speech. Juan Carlos said that public schools had public facilities that could often be rented out; Maria will look into our process and see if this is something we can prevent in the future.

3. Juan Carlos talked about DACA Students and his desire to set up a Dreamer Center at Pierce. Since students are feeling anxious about how police policies might change as a result of a new transition of political power, Juan Carlos suggested that we speak with the Sheriff's office and try to get a statement that reflects their position. This would help students feel more secure. Maria said that she would follow up and let people know about the date of the meeting.
4. Committee members suggested that we might have to be patient and wait to see the new president's policies. This was a wise suggestion, given that the new administration had not actually come to power yet.

Maria felt a sense of responsibility for the PDC to do as much as possible in order to safe guard Pierce students from deportation or intimidation due to their Title IX status.

5. Committee reviewed minutes from November. Maria motioned to approve the minutes. Brian seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.
6. The library selected Enrique's Journey for the next OCOB. Michael H. will write an overview about the book for our newsletter.
7. Committee members enjoyed food brought by Lori Travis, Michael H., and Maria Bates.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35. Minutes respectfully submitted by Maria Bates.