

PDC Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2018**ATTENDEES:**

Voting Members	Department	Present
Astorga, Juan Carlos	Teamsters Rep	N
Conrady-Wong, Lara	ASO Rep	N
Habata, Michael	Co-Chair	Y
Henderson, Mark	UMCE Rep	N
Jerniqan, Shytovia	Local 99 Rep	N
Kahwajian, Raffi	AFT 1521 Rep	Y
Moran, Mary Kay	Senate Rep	Y
Robinson, Anafe	Low Income/Foster Youth	N
Tarfa, Gisela	ASO Student Rep	Y
Travis, Lori	Communiation Studies	Y
Tsuha, Julio	Sociology	Y
Vargas, Jose	Co-Chair	Y
Watson, Abby	Counseling - Int'l Stud.	N

Non-Voting Members	Department
Bates, Maria	English
Pham, Pauline	Mathematics

1. Call to Order/Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 11:25 am.

2. Approve agenda

- a. Approved unanimously (M. Habata motion, J. Vargas seconded)

3. Approve minutes from 2/8/18 meeting

- a. Approved unanimously (J. Vargas motion, M. Habata seconded)

3.5 Public commentary

1)ASO Student representative Gisela Tarfa announced that the ASO would be holding a student walkout on Wed., 3/14 at 10 am for ending gun violence. There will be general announcements, and the faculty will be notified by email.

2)Gisela made an announcement about the Day of Politics on Thursday, 3/15 in the Great Hall. It will be sponsored by the ASO and political science professor Denise Robb.

Old Business

4. Diversity Syllabus Statements (Maria)

- a. Since the last meeting, members of the committee found examples from other colleges/universities of statements that they thought might serve as good models. These were emailed them to the entire committee.
- b. At the meeting, Maria Bates directed the committee to read the nine syllabus statements. Each member picked one or two statements that they thought were the best models, and some members highlighted specific themes or ideas that they thought were important.
- c. Statements from University of Iowa College of Education, Ithaca College, and the American Sociological Association's teaching and resources library (TRAIL) received the most votes.
- d. Discussion took place about the wording of the statement. The statement when completed will serve as a model for Pierce College faculty to use in their course syllabi.
- e. Some people preferred a statement that was general and did not list specific categories in the statement. Others preferred a more specific statement that references groups such as transgender, which would not have been thought of several years ago.
- f. Maria Bates will draft two statements, one general and one specific, to be looked at and possibly voted on by the committee during the next meeting.

Team Reports/New Business

5. DACA/Undocumented Students (Julio)

- a. The event for undocumented students has been named UndocuDay. It will take place on Saturday, May 19th at Pierce College.

- b. The event will be a mini-conference and include a general session with a keynote address by LACCD Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez.
- c. There will be four breakout sessions. They will be on DACA, knowing your rights, a family legal clinic, and for high school students' status as undocumented.
- d. The DREAMers organizations from both Valley College and Mission College will be doing outreach and presenting at the event.
- e. Julio needs help reaching out to the campus undocumented population, deciding which outside organizations to invite, and how to network with organizations from other ethnic groups besides Latino groups like Persian and Asian groups. Ideally, the event should not be seen as a primarily Latino event.
- f. The student group meets on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm if anyone wants to help with planning.
- g. Lori will talk with her Persian students in the Communication Café to work on something related to Persian culture.
- h. The student groups involved with planning this are Queer Brahma Collective, MEChA, Blatigenous, IDEAS, and RESIST.

6. Newsletter (Maria)

- a. Maria is looking for ideas for the theme of the next newsletter, which will be published in fall 2018 (but will be put together during the summer).
- b. The committee is also looking for submissions for interviews, reviews. Michael asked Julio to think about writing an article for the UndocuDay event in May. Michael said that he puts together a recap of One Book events for the previous year for the newsletter in the fall.

7. Homeless Students (Gisela)

- a. The food pantry is now open at faculty office (IRIS 910) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:05-3:05, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:05-11:55 am.
- b. Prof. Robb has secured \$600 in funding to provide 120 students who are housing insecure and/or food insecure with \$5 coupons to use at Pacific Dining on campus. This is separate from the Cal Fresh initiative. The money was raised by Denise through donations on facebook.

8. One Book One Campus (Michael)

- a. Michael made another announcement that next year's (2018-19) One Book selection will be the graphic novel version of "Race to Incarcerate" by Sabrina Jones and Marc Mauer.
- b. Copies of selections of the book were passed out to the committee.
- c. Michael also has a digital version of those selections.

9. Other team reports

- a. There were no team reports for Bystander Awareness, International Students, or ESL because the team leaders were absent.

Meeting adjourned 12:31 pm.