

**PDC Meeting, September 12, 2019****International Student Center conference room, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm****ATTENDEES:**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Present</b>
Conrady Wong, Lara	Student Engagement/ ASO	Y
Desai, Mita (substitute for Abby Watson)	Senate Rep. (Counseling)	Y
Habata, Michael	AFT (Library), Chair	Y
<b>Garcia, Grisel</b>	<b>1521A Rep. (Assessment)</b>	<b>N</b>
Gavarrá-Oh, Mary Anne	Teamsters	Y
Lopez, Stephanie	ASO Student Rep.	Y
<b>Lopez, Lorena</b>	<b>UMCE Rep.</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Mason, Jeremy</b>	<b>1521A Rep. (Student Engagement)</b>	<b>N</b>
Pham, Pauline	Senate Rep. (Math)	Y
Portillo, Marcela	AFT (Counseling)	Y
Tsuha, Julio	Senate Rep. (Sociology)	Y

<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	<b>Department</b>

<b>Guests</b>	<b>Department</b>
Grigg, Casey	Business

**1. Call to order at 11:30 am**

**2. Approve agenda**

- a. Mary Anne motioned, Julio seconded
- b. Agenda was approved unanimously

**3. Approve Minutes from 5/9/19**

- a. Julio motioned, Mary Anne seconded
- b. Minutes were approved with one abstention

**4. Request for committee representative to PCC**

- a. Michael asked for a volunteer to represent the committee at Pierce College Council (PCC) meetings. Lori Travis has gotten a full-time teaching job at another college and is no longer available to attend PCC meetings.
- b. Julio volunteered to attend PCC meetings once a month.

**5. Goals for 2019-2020 Academic year**

- a. Michael reported that Maria Bates may not be available to edit and publish the Diversity Committee newsletter, and if someone is willing to help create the newsletter
  - i) Probably too late to create newsletter for fall semester. Would have to start now soliciting articles to get newsletter published for spring semester in February.
  - ii) Committee agreed to ask again at October meeting to see if there was any interest.
- b. Student engagement and Faculty/staff training events for 2019-20
  - i) Chinese Culture/Asian American club is planning event in February for Chinese New Year, and asked for help with publicity and support. Committee agreed to provide support.
  - ii) Upcoming ASO sponsored events:
    - \* Latino Heritage Month, Wed. September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:30
    - \* Clothesline project, Wed. October 16<sup>th</sup> (?). Lara needs volunteers with set-up, engaging students, clean-up.

- iii) Ideas for faculty training: Ask Shannon Krajewski to attend next committee meeting, present results of Earners & Learners for faculty (at Student Success conference?) and at a Retention Day pow-wow. There was consensus that the committee would do something for early spring semester, but will be talked about more at the next meeting.
- c. Other projects that committee members would like to work on
  - i) Julio talked about working on issue of homelessness at Pierce College and the parking lot issue that has been in the news and has some opposition from people at Pierce
  - ii) Instead of trying to accomplish some policy change, maybe the committee could hold campus Town Halls to highlight the issue and create space for discussion
  - iii) Last spring, there was a request from Student Services managers for a calendar showing all Pierce College events related to diversity and multiculturalism. Michael and Abby had some correspondence with Dean Will Marmalejo about a centralized events calendar. Mary Anne reported that there is an issue with who will have access to putting events on the calendar.
  - iv) Julio suggested created a calendar of important dates to various cultural groups that would have information about those holidays/dates, like the Armenian genocide or Lunar New Year.

If we miss certain events, we can ask groups to help educate us about those events we miss. This can also be used as a showcase or way to market to students.

Committee members expressed interest in a monthly email that would be sent to the entire Pierce college community. Michael said there were issues with getting permission to be able to send the committee newsletter to all students and employees at Pierce; Mary Anne said she would be able to take care of the issue.

The committee agreed that members would look for calendars of cultural events/holidays and bring this to the next

## **6. Multicultural Day spring 2020**

- a. Last spring the committee set the date for the 2019-20 event for Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, which would not fall right after the spring break, but before the weather gets warm outdoors in May.
- b. Michael reported on how the committee decided to start a Multicultural Day one year ago, how the first year would be a pilot program with a single location and single programs during each time slot.
- c. There was discussion about how to expand the event for this year and how to structure the event. For example, how many classes/instructors would we want to participate in each time block for it to be considered a successful event. If there were 3 classes for each time block, then the students would only have a choice of three classes to attend,
- d. Julio commented that although we would like to grow an event to be similar to the Moorpark event, we can make our own event that doesn't have to emulate Moorpark.
- e. It was generally agreed that the committee needed to decide on the structure of the event, including where to hold classes, how many classes per time period we hoped to get, and other details before approaching individual faculty members or departments to ask them to participate.
- f. Michael said that although the event in April 2019 had a speaker and food for students which were both paid for by ASO, it doesn't necessarily have to be that way this year. Stephanie said that the ASO has funds available, but it was necessary to request the money and get approval from the Senate and various committees and go through the requisition process.
- g. There was a suggestion that the student performances/non-academic class sessions should all be held during the same time period and in an outdoor area that would have higher visibility. Michael had reported that the outdoor cultural performances at Moorpark were often very lightly attended.
- h. Michael said that since the committee will only meet three times during fall, it was difficult to plan out next spring's Multicultural Day by meeting just once a month. It was suggested that more of the planning work can take place by email and with shared web documents between meetings.

**7. Adjournment at 12:45 pm.**