

PDC Meeting, October 10, 2019**International Student Center conference room, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm****ATTENDEES:**

Voting Members	Department	Present
Conrady Wong, Lara	Student Engagement/ ASO	N
Watson, Abby	Senate Rep. (Int. Students/Counseling)	Y
Habata, Michael	AFT (Library), Chair	Y
Truxal, Meagan	1521A Rep. (Int. Students)	Y
Gavarrá-Oh, Mary Anne	Teamsters	Y
Lopez, Stephanie	ASO Student Rep.	Y
Lopez, Lorena	UMCE Rep.	N
Mason, Jeremy	1521A Rep. (Student Engagement)	Y
Pham, Pauline	Senate Rep. (Math)	Y
Portillo, Marcela	AFT (Counseling)	Y
Tsuha, Julio	Senate Rep. (Sociology)	Y

Non-Voting Members	Department
Desai, Mita	Counseling
Egipciano, Mylo	Psychology
Moran, Mary Kay	Nursing

Guests	Department
Grigg, Casey	Business
Valdez, Lisa	Library

1. Call to order at 11:21 am

2. Approve agenda

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

3. Approve Minutes from 9/12/19

- a. Julio motioned, Abby seconded
- b. Minutes were approved unanimously

4. Old business/ Upcoming campus events

- a. Michael was in communication with Maria Bates about the Diversity Committee newsletter. Maria is interested in producing a newsletter for publication possibly in December or January. The committee is looking for people to write articles. There was a suggestion to contact Pierce public relations and be included in the Brahma Beat and to solicit articles from students via the ASO. Michael will look into both avenues. Past newsletters have been distributed to all Pierce employees and not students (this is relevant because it affects who the audience of the articles is).
- b. Julio reports that there will be an Undocumented Students Week of Action next week (?).
- c. Michael reminds committee about the Clothesline Project on Wed, Oct. 16th, where victims of sexual violence write their stories on t-shirts and hang them up in the park at Pierce College. Lara Conrady could use volunteers for set-up, clean-up, and during the actual event to work with students.
- d. Lisa reports that there will be a One Book activities, with an event with the Arts Department and Basic Skills on Nov. 7th. There will be an Art Gallery exhibit opening in February related to the faces of homelessness, and the campus wide summit on homelessness will take place on a Friday in March, with The Soloist author Steve Lopez appearing.
- e. Mylo said that a Models of Pride conference will be held at LA City College on Saturday, Oct. 19th. This event has previously been held at locations such as USC, so it's a big deal that the event will take place at a LACCD campus this year.

5. Change Diversity Committee meeting day/time?

- a. The committee discussed changing its meeting day and time so more people could attend. There was a discussion of afternoon meeting times on Tuesdays or Thursdays. There was not a unanimous agreement of when most people would be able to attend. Michael said he would create a Doodle poll and send it out to see if more people could attend during an afternoon time.

6. Multicultural Day spring 2020 (Thursday, April 23, 2020)

- a. Michael has reserved the Great Hall for the date of Multicultural Day. The Faculty Staff Resource Center (Bldg. 600) cannot be booked until 2 months before the date of the event, and they have a policy not to allow events that are not primarily for faculty and staff.
- b. There was discussion about having smaller classes for Multicultural Day by individual professors in the classrooms they would normally teach in. Michael said that a large venue like the Great Hall last year led to an overcrowded venue, lack of seats, and less personal events that would normally be for a smaller group.
- c. Michael has been in touch with Performing Arts, and they were open to the idea of having afternoon rehearsals for their production play in the Performing Arts Center be open to students with a possible Q&A afterwards.
- d. The committee discussed having two time blocks, one from 9:35 to 11:00, and a second from 11:10 to 12:35. If 5 instructors were to participate in each time block, it should be manageable to find enough instructors to participate to make the event viable.
- e. Mary Anne said that there will be a list of classes and instructors teaching during those time blocks available around November, and the committee could contact those instructors specifically, rather than someone attending departmental meetings to attract interest.
- f. Michael asked if the event should have an invited keynote speaker whom we would need to pay. There was general interest in having a speaker, which would attract attention. Stephanie said that a single event was limited to a maximum of \$3000 in funding by ASO. She said that requesting money for a speaker involved a three-step process, and it should start as soon as possible.

- g. There was discussion about where a keynote speaker should be placed in the day's schedule. The committee came to a general agreement that the speaker would be in the middle of the program, during the 11:10-12:35 time slot. This would allow for a single time slot from 9:35 to 11:00 for individual classes on topics of diversity/inclusion, and then following the keynote speaker would be cultural activities, student club booths, and performances in an outdoor area like the Mall or Rocky Young Park.
- h. In the interest of choosing possible speaker and contacting them and other planning activities, a task force will meet before the next November committee meeting. Mary Anne, Stephanie, Jeremy, Mylo, Abby, Julio, Michael, and Meagan expressed interest in being on the task force. Michael will arrange for a meeting.

7. Holidays/cultural events calendar

- a. Julio clarified that the committee will work to create a calendar of holidays and cultural events. Each week or each month members of the committee will select one holiday or event to highlight via a short email to send out to students and employees of Pierce College. The idea is to both educate Pierce College about the diversity of the community and also promote the committee.
- b. Mylo said that the calendar of holidays from ADL focused too much on religious holidays and ignores days relevant to agnostics and atheists like Darwin Day. He has a list of holidays meant to be inclusive for sexual orientation and gender identity that he'd like to incorporate into the final calendar.
- c. Mita, Julio, Mylo, and Marcy expressed interest in being on a task force to work on creating the calendar. Michael will send out an email so they can set up a meeting.

8. Adjournment at 12:28 pm.