



**Approved Minutes
President's Advisory Council
April 9, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT *Chair:* Cynthia Olivo *Deans:* *Management:* Grant Linsell, Jennifer Merchant *Faculty:* Jeanne Costello, Bridget Kominek Ziza Delgado, Danielle Fouquette, *Classified:* Yadira Aguillon, Amy Shrack *Students:* Samiy Castillo Bolivar *Resource Members:* Miranda Bates, Daniel Berumen, Nichole Crockrom, Evelyn Lindley, Janeth Manjarrez, Connie Moreno Yamashiro, José Ramón Núñez

Members Absent: Eli Hebert, Henry Hua, Elizabeth Martinez, Bridget Salzameda

Guests: Fernando Andrade, Monique Delatte, Beth Kelley, Tim Ream, Gladys Rodriguez, Annika Shellenbarger, Kim Vandervort, Dani Wilson

INFORMATION

- **Approval of Minutes from March 12 and March 26, 2025:** Approved as edited for 3/26 and 3/12 approved as submitted.
- **Approval of Agenda:** The Diversity Advisory Committee Update was tabled and will come back at a later meeting.

REPORTS

1. **President's Report (Cynthia Olivo):** President Olivo said the board meeting last night was amazing and she was able to share the state of the college report with the trustees. She stated that there were so many accomplishments made this past year: over 130,000 meals were provided to students, almost \$700,000 in buzzy bookstore bucks were spent, over \$1 million of grant money was brought in, accreditation was renewed, and there was so much good news to share. She also stated that the district is always monitoring the news coming from D.C. and being responsive to support students. She said she would update everyone on any strategies that we have in place and that the State Chancellor has connected campuses with a state attorney. There is a news story about Black Student Success Week starting April 21 in the Umoja Village and a Black Hour webinar will be held from 12 - 1 pm. A special webinar will be held on the study abroad program with Umoja. The NorthStar committee is also hoping to host the HBCU Caravan next year. Earth Week is coming up and there will be a keynote speaker on environmental justice on April 21 as well as a ribbon cutting for the new college solar panels. There is also a New Employee Welcome and Orientation event coming up to onboard new employees and a pickle ball competition on April 25 for faculty and staff.
2. **President's Staff Reports:**
 - **Daniel Berumen** said strategic planning feedback forums will be held this Friday at 1:00 pm in room 107 and another on Monday from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.
 - **Jose Ramon Nunez** addressed common course numbering. The district is working on this to be in compliance with other state community colleges. There is a district webpage with further information on this initiative. Dr. Olivo asked that

more information be brought to PAC in order for everyone to help students with the changes.

3. **Art in the Library (Dani Wilson, Information):** Dani Wilson brought up a discussion of artwork from the 2013 Centennial Celebration. During that time, many historic art pieces were put up around campus and have since ended up in the library. She stated that the library should be a welcoming space, and many students say the photos and other art pieces don't reflect them or give the feeling of a safe space. Dani asked if PAC could endorse removing the photos and other artwork from the library and archive them. Tim Ream is the Systems Librarian and archivist and said the photos and other art could be preserved and archived both physically and digitally. Grant Linsell mentioned that the college has an existing art collection and possibly these items could be melded into that. The photos in 224/226/228 could also be included in this archive project. Discussion ensued with members stating that the art in 224/226/228 does not reflect the students on campus, now. The college should put up more culturally relevant art. Maybe instead of taking down and replacing, there could be a rotation of photos and art. Dani said there is also a plaque saying Phelps Foundation donated these items for the centennial as part of a permanent collection. So, the items will be kept but not displayed. DAC is also working on a culturally relevant art policy. Dr. Olivo said the selection and display of culturally relevant art can also be part of our strategic planning. As president, she believes we should move in this direction. AS Rep Samiy Castillo Bolivar added that the centennial photos should be preserved somehow to recognize the progress the college has made and to commemorate that Fullerton is the oldest community college in California, but that the photos should be updated.
4. **Plaque for STEM Center (Fernando Andrade, Gladys Rodriguez, Information):** Fernando Andrade and Gladys Rodriguez came to PAC to present a request from the Natural Science Division. They would like to install a plaque in the new STEM center honoring long-time faculty member Michael J. Baker. Gladys said he advocated for over 10 years for a STEM center at Fullerton College. Grant brought up naming the center and having an endowed scholarship in his name. Dr. Olivo asked if anyone wanted to start a fundraiser to name the center. She asked that a group be put together to research this and then work with the Foundation to possibly raise funds to rename the facility for Mike Baker.
5. **Guided Pathways Steering Committee Report (Jeanne Costello, Jennifer Merchant, Information):** Jeanne Costello and Jennifer Merchant updated PAC on the Guided Pathways Steering Committee (GPSC). They highlighted the projects they have been working on including First Year Experience, Mindful Growth, Program Mapper, Starfish, and Open Educational Resource/Zero Textbook Cost programs.

MEMBER UPDATES

- **Faculty Senate:** Bridget Kominek said they adopted two resolutions - employment based visas and affirming support for LGBTQIAS+ students and employees. She will pursue these further with Chancellor Breland. She stated that soon the senate will look at BP/AP 7600 again and receive reports from senate subcommittees and mentioned that the Plenary comes up in two weeks. If faculty are needed for committees, please contact Ziza Delgado. May 15 is the last meeting of the semester.
- **Classified Senate:** Annika Shellenbarger said at the next meeting, Classified Senate will get a first read of the Diversity Advisory Committee recommendations and will review the

recent Faculty Senate resolutions. The Spring 2025 recognition nominations are open through April 15 and the Spring Luaus are set for April 14 from 12:00 - 2:00 pm and April 25 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. May 19-23 is Classified Appreciation Week, and the college will hold celebratory events the first week of June.

- **AS:** Samiy Castillo Bolivar said AS has not met since Spring Break. The recent SSCCC conference was attended by several senators, and he hopes the next year AS can write more resolutions and work more closely with SSCCC. As an international student, he is concerned about the current political climate as are other international students. AS will meet next week.
- **CSEA:** Amy Shrack said many members are showing up at board meetings to be seen and heard, and that CSEA is at impasse regarding the IT Job Study MOU, with a mediation date coming up in April. The successor CBA is still being negotiated.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 23, 2025