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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees gets back to business tonight at seven in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St.

Topping the agenda is the board's formal granting of tenure to eight faculty members: Maricela Becerra, LD Specialist, BCC; Heather Casale, Nutrition/Dietetics, Merritt; Wayne Fung, Auto Tech, CoA; Cora Leighton, Communications, BCC; Marion Martin, DSPS, Laney; Carla Pegues, Dental Assisting, CoA; Joshua Ramos, PE/Asst. Football Coach, Laney; and Adan Rosillo, Environmental Control Tech, Laney.

PFT congratulates tonight's octet, the vanguard of a large group of tenure-track faculty—over 100 among the four colleges!—set to gain permanent status over the next four years. PFT is pleased to see the increase in the district's full-time faculty ranks and looks forward to adding still more in the years to come.

Also up for the trustees' consideration tonight: a $450K increase, to $530K, in an IT consulting contract with Ferrilli (a holdover item from the Feb. 23 meeting); a $30K augmentation, to $90K, to a contract with HR services-provider Dominica Dailey; and a $28K bump, to $86K, to CoA independent contractor Jennifer Owen-Blackmon for communications work.

PFT will sunshine a pair of items to include in the current round of contract talks with the district: Article 6 (maintenance of membership clause) and a new article on investigations.

Elsewhere:

*Save the date: PFT holds its first general membership meeting of 2016, Tues., April 5, at BCC, in the Teaching and learning Center (TLC) room 341 from 12-1:30. RSVP to union@pft1603.org for lunch.

PRO/PFT presents a Retirement Workshop Wednesday, April 13 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at Laney College, Room F-255.

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