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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees returns to the boardroom with an unusually light agenda tonight at seven at 333 E. Eighth St.

Trustees will look at extending the district's administrative hiring spree, as they consider adding a pair of new interim associate deans (CoA and Merritt) and a permanent VPSS (Laney). They'll also take up a contract with outside legal counsel, worth up to $150K in general funds, and decide whether to add $50K to an existing contract with another firm.

In other news:

*President Ed Jaramillo will hold a presidential office hour today at noon on the Laney quad. Faculty are encouraged to stop by and chat about the issues they face at the flagship. Following the office hour, the California Federation of Teachers will join PFT in a joint effort to call attention to the need to maintain funding for public education in the Golden State.

*Faculty planning to attend tonight's board meeting should swing by the union offices (500 E. Eighth St., Ste. B, across the intersection from district A&R) for snacks and pre-meeting conversation. Edibles hit the table at 5:30 p.m.

*Save the date: President Ed Jaramillo, a longtime CoA faculty member, will hold an island office hour, Wed., Oct. 12, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in Room D 208. Cougar faculty should plan to turn out!

*Nominations for Co-Chair seats at Laney and Merritt on the Executive Council are now open. Look for nomination forms in your faculty mailbox or on our website. Nominations are due this Friday, Sept., 30, by 4 p.m.

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