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

The good news: 30 PCCD faculty members will formally advance to tenure this evening, with each of the colleges seeing its full-time ranks increase dramatically. A reception will be held at the district office next month.

PFT is thrilled to see more teachers, counselors, librarians, and nurses become permanent, a move toward stability the union's been urging for years. But PFT will push the district to hire still more contract faculty—relying on underpaid, "flexible" part-timers, even as the administration continues to swell, is no way to run an institution of higher learning.

And if it's Tuesday, it must be another interim appointment. The interims du jour: Budget Director—to replace Luther Aaberge, who bolted the ever-in-flux district budget office for CCSF—and Manager of Program Management Office.

The Manager of Program Management appears to be a new position that comes out of a proposal presented to the PBC in December. So why no move to advertise for a permanent job in the two months since the proposal won approval? PFT can't help but think it's just another effort to get around the shared-governance process. Nor can it help but wonder why the brass didn't try to work a third form of the word "manage" into that title.

Michael Mills, chair of the Citizens' Oversight Committee, will give a presentation on the district's use of bond and parcel tax moneys. The past PFT president and retired BCC political science prof has been asking critical questions over the last several months; the union will be taking notes.

Trustees will also get an enrollment report from VCs Siri Brown and Romaneir Johnson. Word is, the numbers aren't encouraging, and Peralta's likely to lower its targets for the years ahead—almost always unwelcome news for faculty and the students they serve.

Elsewhere:

\*PFT's spring membership drive heads north this week, with the orange-and-blue working the halls of BCC. Meet with the union folks, make sure your card's up to date, and grab a PFT sticker or two.

\*Anti-labor forces brought their latest union-busting gambit before the US Supreme Court this week, *Janus v. AFSCME*, a case designed to undermine public-sector unions like ours. PFT is working hard to get ahead of the June decision, with organizing drives (see above), education campaigns, and bold political action. Get informed!

In Solidarity,

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