

Board Watch, 2/28/2017

On Feb. 21, Trustees began their meeting with a closed session, voting for new and renewed administrative contracts totalling over \$4 million. Notably, 8 administrators were not renewed, including Mike Orkin, Norma Ambriz-Galaviz, and Elnora Webb, and new Laney College President, Tammeil Gilkerson, will officially start on Mar. 30. Twenty-six new faculty were granted tenure and 105 continue on the tenure track.

With no permanent director of HR in place, Trustees approved a \$25k contract bump for an administrative search firm with no plans for that hire and a \$31 million design-build contract for a building at COA. VC Little shared a 45-page document itemizing thousands of budget transfers made in Jan. 2017.

In other news:

*General Membership Meetings:

- Wednesday April 19th, CoA: PFT Executive Council nominations close (room and time TBD).

***ACCJC News:** PFT President Jaramillo testified with other unionists and students at National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality hearings to determine the status of ACCJC. While the president of the commission has been put on administrative leave and three other members have been removed, NACIQI extended ACCJC's contract for 18 months. Without any accreditation body, they explained, the region's community colleges would be in uncharted waters.

***Know Your Rights Workshops:** On Saturday, March 11th, educational workshops on how to prepare for the threat of deportation or ICE raids will be held at Fruitvale San Antonio Senior Center (3301 E. 12th Street, Ste. 201), 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.

PRO Workshop: Peralta Retirement Organization and PFT will conducting a very informative retirement seminar, targeted for those faculty members nearing retirement. Wednesday, March 22, 5:30- 7:30 p.m. at the PFT office.

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