

## Board Watch, 3/28/2017

On Mar. 28, Trustees opened session by announcing two administrative approvals: a raise to Luther Auberge, Budget Director, and a contract for Kyu Lee, Interim Director of Enterprise Services.

PFT President Jaramillo noted his recent visit to Laney classrooms where plastic tarps, garden hoses, and buckets hovered over studying students and computer servers. The Chancellor said that they have been working on the "Laney Leaks" since Nov. 2016 with a goal of resolving them by early 2018.

Trustees Brown and Bonilla congratulated the Gateway to College program on its recent success, and the Chancellor noted that Rachel Mercy Simpson, BCC, MMArts, won an innovation award from a national community college association.

Trustee Weinstein discussed two state bills for colleges, one to fund mental health services and the other free tuition. In response, Trustee Withrow stated the need for more financial literacy education. Trustee Gonzalez Yuen noted that 60% of Pell Grant recipients report housing insecurity while 16% are without homes, and wondered how the district might take the housing crisis into consideration when drafting its facilities master plan and a bond measure in 2018.

Charles Neal, Dir. of Sustainability, shared a climate action plan that included, replacing light bulbs and gas-powered gardening equipment, installing bike racks, and implementing veggie Mondays.

### In other news:

\*\*\*Alameda Labor Council's *Labor, Climate & Jobs Forum* is happening this Sat., Apr. 8, 2017, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Zero Net Energy Center in San Leandro. Register online at <http://bit.ly/ALCForumReg>

\*\*\*[Blueprints for a Future: Transforming Education](#), a conference to organize for public education. Sat., Apr. 15, 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., UCB, Dwinelle Hall.

\*\*\*All faculty are welcome to attend our next GMM, **Wed., Apr. 19** at College of Alameda in room D-237, 3-5 p.m. PFT Executive Council nominations will close at the beginning of the meeting.

\*\*\*PFT Exec. elections will be coming soon, so please consider running for office! Look for a nomination form in your faculty mailbox or [download a form](#) on our website. Nominations close Wed., Apr. 19.

\*\*\*Mon., May 1st is [May Day!](#) Wear your orange!

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