



PFT Staff <union@pft1603.org>

PFT e-Communique vol. XI.i

Jennifer Shanoski <jshanoski@peralta.edu>
 To: Jennifer Shanoski <jshanoski@peralta.edu>

Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 1:46 PM

Tonight at 7:30 in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St., the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees opens the public portion of its first regular meeting of the new school year.

The late start follows board study sessions on the budget and last spring's stinging report from the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT). The documents trustees will pore over, PowerPoint decks on the budget and the FCMAT implementation plan, raise a number of questions.

Why are district CalSTRS and CalPERS contributions projected to go down in one area of the assumptions and up in another? Why is the district crying crisis if available revenue's set to jump by \$1.5M over the figure cited in the tentative budget? How come the district slice of the Fund 1 pie is virtually identical to the four colleges' combined? What are the \$3M expenses for "Contingency Reserve" and \$1.2M savings in "Salaries" that weren't in the tentative budget but appear in the final version? Administrative costs are put at \$10M (cf. \$24M for Classified and \$30M for faculty)—*really?*

And why would the board receive the FCMAT implementation plan *before* FCMAT Deputy Executive Officer Michelle Giacomini reports to trustees later in the evening? Perhaps most confounding: Peralta's "implementation matrix" calls for reductions to staff and faculty but, contrary to FCMAT's explicit recs, remains silent on changes to administration. What gives?

Bottom line: As PFT's analysis of the FCMAT report makes clear, sloppy budgeting and excessive administrative costs—not a lack of revenue—explain most of Peralta's woes. PCCD might start getting its house in order by taking some fact-based advice.

In other news:

*Join PFT's Contract Action Team (CAT) tonight at six at the union offices (500 E. Eighth St., catty-corner from district A&R), as faculty members prepare to take their demands for a fair contract to this evening's board meeting. Sign-making materials and pizza provided!

*CTE faculty are invited to attend a brown-bag lunch, Wed., Sep. 11, 12-1 p.m., at Laney. Meet PFT's CTE rep, BCC's Matthew Silverberg, who'll lead a discussion about health, safety, and equipment issues on your campus. Contact Matthew at matthewsilverberg1@gmail.com for more information.

*Save the date, island faculty: CoA will hold its first PFT chapter meeting of the year on Wed., Sep. 18, 12-1:30 p.m. RSVP to union@pft1603.org if you'd like lunch, and look for updates from Alameda PFT reps Andrew Park and Mary Shaughnessy.

*At its Aug. 22 meeting, the PFT Executive Council passed a resolution to protect the faculty members most vulnerable to district class-cutting: "To help limit the loss of part-time jobs, the PFT Executive Council urges full-time faculty not to request extra-service assignments, including during the summer and intersession. Keeping faculty employed, particularly in tough economic times, is a fundamental concern of our union."

*PFT will link arms with sisters and brothers from the Alameda Labor Council on Sep. 20, as unions from around the Bay Area team up to fight global climate change. Check out ALC's draft resolution for the Days of Climate Action and be sure to turn out on Sep. 20!

In solidarity,

Jennifer Shanoski, President
 Peralta Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1603
 500 E. Eighth St., Ste. B
 Oakland CA 94606

9/12/2019

Peralta Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1603 Mail - PFT e-Communique vol. XI.i

jshanoski@peralta.edu

(510) 763-8820