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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees meets tonight at seven in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St.

The evening's compact agenda includes, on the generally noncontroversial consent calendar, an item of special interest to faculty: approval of the tentative contract agreement between the district and Peralta Federation of Teachers.

Approved Feb. 12 by Local 1603's members, the TA features a 3.26% across-the-board salary bump and ~\$300K in dollars towards part-time faculty parity. PFT likes the deal and looks forward to moving on to other pressing issues--e.g., getting the colleges off probation with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), shuttering misbegotten **Calbright**, and ensuring district resources go toward educating students in decent conditions. PFT's sisters and brothers in Local 39 will see their TA on consent tonight, too.

Trustees will mount the dais this evening following a training by the **Financial Crisis and Management Assistance Team** (FCMAT), the outfit whose fall report presaged Peralta's latest bout of accreditation trouble. As PFT **detailed in its analysis** of the FCMAT document, and as ACCJC affirmed in its letters to the four colleges, Peralta's troubles flow mainly out of the district office. (Since only colleges get accredited, ACCJC sanctions colleges to goad wayward districts into action.)

There's a nice surprise on tonight's agenda, too. Merritt will be hiring a job-placement counselor, the rare addition of a faculty position in a period of declining enrollment. PFT welcomes the good news--and the new member of our counseling faculty.

In other news:

*Take your lunch over to the Laney Forum today to check out a teach-in from the Poor People's Campaign, The Power of Your Vote. Discussions and presentations on equality in housing and education run through 1 p.m. The event's free and open to the public.

*Ballots for the special election of the PFT VP and a Laney rep are due at the union offices by 4 p.m. on Th., Feb. 27.

In solidarity,

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