

Board Watch, 4/26/2017

On Tu., Apr. 25, Trustees held a meeting on the Island and heard presentations from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, auditors for Measure B and approved Tentative Agreements with faculty, classified, and engineering unions.

Pres. Jaramillo announced that after a year and a half of negotiations, faculty look to receive a 2% increase retroactive to Jan. 2017 and a 1.5% increase starting in July 2017. The TA includes provisions for PT instructional faculty to be paid up to two office hours a week and will provide seniority rights within the Part-Time Rehire Pool.

New interim VC Williams introduced Measure B auditors who reported that they found no material weakness nor adjustments during 2013 - 16. Out of \$30.6 million, they claimed that only \$162K did not align with the language of the measure. The district agreed with the findings.

DAS Pres. Smith argued that additional resources need to be devoted to faculty leadership for stronger shared governance oversight of funding, Trustee Brown and the Chancellor applauded Rachel Mercy Simpson for receiving a national innovation award at AASC, and Trustee Gonzalez-Yuen abstained from approving Workability grants, asking for more background information.

In other news:

***PFT will hold a General Membership Meeting (GMM) to vote on the ratification of the Tentative Agreement (TA) on Th., May 4, 3 - 5:30 p.m., Laney, B-130. Visit the PFT website for more information on the TA and the 50/50 distribution of funds: <http://pft1603.org/?p=2072>

***PFT Elections will close on Tu., May 16 at 4 p.m. Please be sure to vote for your campus and Executive Reps (Pres., VP, Secretary, and Treasurer), and, when applicable, Part-Time and CTE Reps. Contact union@pft1603.org if you have not received a ballot at your home address.

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