

Board Watch, 5/9/2017

On Tu., May 9, Trustees approved the tentative agreement with PFT, and heard from students and faculty who argued against the use of equity funding to pay for PT office hours. PFT's Chief Negotiator, Rick Greenspan, thanked negotiators on both sides for their diligent work, and pointed out that the \$500k needed could be found by eliminating two vice chancellors. In his response, the Chancellor promised to not cut "successful" equity programs but made no such pledge to pay for the office hours from other sources.

Acting VC Williams presented the auditor's Measure B findings, and VC Cole fielded numerous questions about Peoplesoft upgrades that would "rebuild our digital core," a \$86k subscription service that would save money, and the revolving door of IT consultants, products, and platforms. Trustees announced two administrative approvals: an extension for Interim Director of Tech Services, Antoine Mehouelley, and a permanent contract for Merritt's Interim President, Marie-Elaine Burns.

In other news:

***PFT Elections will close today, 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, or come in to the PFT office to vote!

***On Mon., May 1st, Laney student and faculty activists made signs and led a Peralta contingent at the International Workers' Day March. (Photos courtesy of Alicia Caballero-Christenson).

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