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More than 70 faculty, staff, and community members rallied at the Sep. 24 meeting of the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees to support PFT's demand for a fair contract. The show of strength and unity marked the union's second major boardroom action in as many weeks.

After trustees mounted the dais an hour late, speaker after speaker urged the board to do the right thing—viz., pay part-time faculty full parity and pass along state-funded COLA for each of the proposed contract's three years.

President Bonilla thanked PFT and its supporters for making their case directly to the board, as she had a fortnight before, but made no promises. Acting Chancellor Fran White—whose resignation takes effect Oct. 20—was out sick.

(The meeting went down in an atmosphere thick with intrigue: the board had gathered in closed session earlier in the day to vet chancellor candidates. Early reports that **Regina Stanback Stroud**, recently retired Skyline president, had won trustees' favor were confirmed by news outlets the next morning.)

A Clery Act-mandated presentation on campus security suggested that few crimes have been reported at Peralta and that the colleges are relatively safe. Trustees approved several new appointments to the Citizens' Oversight Committees and reopened the application period to try to find others. Three management jobs up for board approval went unfilled.

Trustee Linda Handy reported on her trip with students to China and Washington, D.C., and the board introduced **Jim Austin**, Peralta's new state fiscal monitor, the MiraCosta VP who came to community college work after 20 years in the ski resort industry.

Elsewhere:

*Members with student debt should plan to attend PFT's Student Debt Clinic, Mon., Oct. 7, 12:30-2:30 p.m., at union HQ (500 E. Eighth St., Ste. B). The session will cover debt-management and access to loan-forgiveness programs. Register today!

*Save the date: Wed., Oct. 23, 12-1:30 p.m. (place TDB), will mark the start of PFT's 2019-20 unity campaign, an effort to bring together instructors, counselors, librarians, and nurses—full- and part-time alike—to support our shared fight for better wages and working conditions. For more information, contact PFT Diversity Chair Kimberly King at profkimberly@yahoo.com.

*And please bear in mind a recent union resolution: "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."

In solidarity,

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