



**Approved Minutes
President's Advisory Council
November 10, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT *Chair:* Gilbert J. Contreras *Deans:* Dani Wilson *Management:* Jennifer LaBounty, Eddie Roth *Faculty:* Jennifer Combs, Aline Gregorio, Kim Orlijan, Marcus Wilson *Classified:* Marwin Luminarias *Students:* Ja'ren Kenyatta, Grant DeVries *Resource Members:* Daniel Berumen, Rod Garcia, Elaine Lipiz Gonzalez, José Ramón Núñez, Zoot Velasco

Members Absent: Sharon Kelly, Lisa McPheron

Guests: Cecilia Arriaza, Josh Ashenmiller, Erin Lacorte, Gilberto Valencia

INFORMATION

1. **Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2021:** Approved as submitted.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved as submitted.

REPORTS

1. **President's Report:** Interim President Contreras reported the following to PAC:
 - a) One of the core values at Fullerton College is respect. It is important for the entire Fullerton College campus community to foster a culture of respect. Dr. Contreras asked everyone to embrace this shared value. He remarked that the Town Hall held on October 28 to discuss the NOCCCD vaccine mandate did not create a safe place for all attendees at the meeting. He asked that everyone treat each other with respect.
 - b) An Employee Appreciation Luncheon will be held in December to recognize all Fullerton College employees who have worked tirelessly during the COVID pandemic to support students even while the campus was shutdown. He encouraged everyone to attend.
 - c) The Friends of Fullerton College Foundation gathered an alumni group on November 1 with about 20 alumni in attendance. He thanked Zoot Velasco for his work.
 - d) The flags on the quad this week are for the Field of Heroes to celebrate Veterans Week. The Veterans Resource Center will hold their annual golf tournament on November 15.
 - e) Fullerton College was honored as an Equity Champion. This award recognizes success in transferring LatinX students to 4-year institutions.

2. PAC Member Reports:

Associated Students President Ja'ren Kenyatta said AS has not been in the loop regarding the dean hiring committees and has not had time to select members for the committees. He asked for clarification on the hiring committee process and more time to select AS member representatives. **Grant DeVries** concurred and added that AS would like more notice on the timelines for the hiring committees being formed. VPI Nunez, Interim

President Contreras and Jennifer Combs discussed the tight timeline needed in order to have interim deans in place by Jan. 3, 2022. The selected candidates need to be brought to the NOCCCD Board of Trustees by December 14, otherwise approval would have to wait until the end of January.

Kim Orlijan reported that she and Faculty Senate President Elect Jennifer Combs attended the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Fall plenary. She also said that the faculty accreditation team attended a meeting last week put on by ACCJC.

Marwin Luminarias announced that the Classified Recognition Award nomination period is ongoing, and the deadline is the end of this month.

Dani Wilson said deans continue to talk about safe return plans for the spring and are also organizing a celebration for those managers who will be retiring. The event will be held on December 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.

VPI Nunez said the ACCJC training last Friday was interesting and was attended by the accreditation writing team. He stated that the new accreditation process focuses on brevity. The College does not need to address the recommendations given 7 years ago but is to give a snapshot of where the College is now. He also stated that Fullerton College provided District IT with a list of all the CRNS for the spring schedule that have an in-person attendance requirement for students.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. COVID Gradual Return Planning (Contreras, Information):** Interim President Contreras said that for Fall 2021, 74% of students taking in-person classes on campus are compliant with the vaccine mandate. Overall, 38% of Fullerton College students are compliant with the vaccine mandate. Many students will have questions when they go to register about the mandate and how to become compliant. The Deans will look at courses that are offered only in-person and possibly add online versions for those students who do not want to come to campus. Interim VPSS Elaine Lipiz Gonzalez said the vast majority of students are very cooperative at the check-in station and with the testing process. Students can test every week this semester and be on campus, but this is not the case for spring. They will need a vaccine record OR an approved exemption combined with weekly testing for on campus attendance this spring.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Honoring Cruz Reynoso (Contreras/Arriaza, Information):** Interim President Contreras reported that the conversation has started on finding a way to honor Cruz Reynoso and the Diversity committee is following up on options. He said they are reviewing the AP/BP on naming facilities and properties and identifying and recommending naming opportunities. Proposals will be routed through PAC and other shared governance organizations. He also mentioned a few naming suggestions including a courtyard, resource center, and lecture series among other things. Cecilia Arriaza from the Diversity Committee mentioned they met last week and embraced this opportunity and want to move forward looking at physical places on campus. They will research the APs and BPs and work on a plan next semester. They would like to have a dedication ceremony next year.

- 2. Cadena Center 25th Anniversary (Contreras/Valencia, Information):** Gilberto Valencia shared some information on the founding of the Cadena Cultural Center 25 years ago. The vision of the Cadena Cultural Center is to create an inclusive campus community and foster a sense of belonging. The center provides legal services, counseling, workshops and more. It has recently been separated from the Transfer Center and has grown to include the Grads to Be (G2B) Program. Over the years, the Cadena Center has had guest speakers, conversation circles, tours, student forums and more. They will be back in person in January 2022 and plan to have a director in place at that time. He said that they may evolve into more of a social justice/equity center and hope to expand efforts to other affinity groups as well as support anti-racism work. They are planning a 25th anniversary celebration in Fall 2022.

Announcements:

Interim President Contreras invited everyone to the Interim President's Open Forum on November 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Aline Gregorio announced that COP-26 is happening and she and other faculty will be reporting on this at a new webinar in the Climate Series, Part 2: Climate Without Borders on November 18.

Cecilia Arriaza announced that November 30 is the CSU and UC application deadline.

Dani Wilson mentioned that Study Abroad won a Gillman Scholarship Award.

Campus Communications won a gold award for the radio campaign on CALI FM and for the commencement video done last year.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2021