

**President's Report****March 30, 2020**

Happy Professional Development Day and welcome to another special edition of the Laney College Faculty Senate President's report! As in the preceding issue, only items related to the senate and participatory governance are mentioned here. But before I begin, a couple of reminders.

- By contract, at least 40% of your professional development obligation must be fulfilled by attending "regularly scheduled workshops on the designated Professional Days." (Appendix 5, section B) Since you're home all day anyway, [Zoom in!](#)
- Communicate with your students! Our one and only job is to serve them, so don't leave them in the dark. Oh, and don't make anything due before April 6; school won't be back in session until then.

Faculty Senate Business

Meeting Dates — Refer to the [Faculty Senate's website](#) for the new meeting dates. Scroll down to see dates and tentative agendas for future meetings. In my last email communication to faculty, I offered the possibility of a candidate forum on March 31, but that's Cesar Chavez Day. See below for an alternative to a live forum.

Elections — The nomination period ends Tuesday, March 31, at noon. There's still time to nominate yourself or a colleague (after verifying that they are willing to serve); simply email me at fbourgoin@peralta.edu. Since we won't have a live candidate forum, I am asking all candidates for the executive the positions (President, Vice President, DAS Representative) to submit a short statement to support their candidacy. This is voluntary. While there doesn't seem to be any competition for the other positions, other candidates are welcome to submit statements as well. When the elections begin Tuesday afternoon, candidate statements will be posted on the Faculty Senate website, and a link will be included in the ballot.

Laney Love

We Rise Awards — This year they will include a student employee award. The [nomination](#) period has been extended to Friday, April 10.

Phillippa Caldeira Scholarship — To honor the amazing work of Phillippa Caldeira, we have established a [scholarship](#) in her name. Phillippa was an amazing librarian, trusted colleague and active committee member of the Curriculum, Distance Ed and many other committees. First to step up and help out.

I'm sure in this incredible time, she would have been right next to us finding online resources to teach pretty much anything. For the Peralta Foundation to establish an account, we need to raise at least \$2,000. Until this happens, you can contribute via Venmo (@Fred-Bourgoin) or PayPal (paypal.me/laneyfred). Once the account is set up, contributions will be made directly to the Foundation.

Beyond Laney

ASCCC Spring Plenary — We are waiting to hear from ASCCC. In the meantime, [pre-session resolutions](#) are available with [Appendix A](#) (Revised ASCCC Vision, Mission, and Values) and [Appendix B](#) (Anti-Racism Pledge). Discussion of the resolutions is scheduled for our April 14 special meeting.

District Participatory Governance Meetings — At the Participatory Governance Council (PGC) meeting on March 27, consultant Dian Harrison shared the feedback she had gleaned from various constituency leaders and student panels at the four colleges regarding PCCD's mission statement. PGC fine-tuned it and made their recommendation to the Chancellor.