Members Present: Dee Burns, Dan Pinard, Laura Porfirio, Celia Tapetillo, Mykle Zoback, Donna Cohn, Mic Bouley, Denise Dudoit, Chris Hauser, Aleksandra Knezevic, Karyza, Ochoa, Jan Posz, Robert Ramirez, Mark Roybal, Shani Stewart, Wendy Turner, Sriura Weirich, Eric Welch, Tanisha Arnett, Ron Cox, Andrew Kachur, Desiree Maultsby, Damian Montoya, Jorge Caballero, Gloria Majalca, Shawn Graham, Zeshan Siddiqui, Carissa Urbalejo

Excused Absence: Cindy Gomez, Benetta Jackson, Amy Parker, Delso Bosquez, Ranee Tanner, Jennifer Welborn

Unexcused Absence:

Non-voting Members/Visitors/Guests: Dr. Suzanne Miles, Dr. Dolores Duran-Cerda, Deborah Yoklic, Janet May, Brenda Even, Rose Bolz, Kay Dodder

1) GENERAL MATTERS
   1.1 Introductions
      1.1.1 Introductions were made. New members welcomed
   1.2 Agenda Modifications
      1.2.1 Dr. Brenda Even of the Board of Governors will address the council first on agenda.
   1.3 Approval of meeting minutes from January 11, 2013
      1.3.1 The meeting minutes were approved.
   1.4 Public Comment and/or Question(s)
      1.4.1 No public comment and/or questions.

2) BUSINESS

2.1 Board Chair – Brenda Even
   2.1.1 Dr. Even addressed staff council on a couple of issue the college was dealing with at the present: the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals” (DACA) and Meet & Confer.
   2.1.1.1 Dr. Even stated that the Board of Governors meeting was highly attended with the board hearing from students whose immigration status is in question. The Board voted to extend in-state tuition to students who were born here or were brought to the United States as infants, by parents who were undocumented immigrants. Dr. Even noted that this is an emotional and contentious issue, but the Board has chosen to recognize these students as Arizona residents.
   2.1.1.2 Dr. Even also mentioned that while the Meet & Confer teams are still the official staff representatives, Board members will also meet privately with other employee groups on March 8, to answer questions and hear any concerns about the policy.
2.2 Liaison Report – Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Janet May

2.2.1 Assistant Vice Chancellor Jane May shared the follow recruitment statistics:
2.2.1.1 1446 applications in February, 8 general designated positions with 88% internal, 12% external.
2.2.1.2 Calendar year-to-date is 34 positions filled with 35% internal and 65% external.
2.2.1.3 Meet and Confer process is underway and progressing.
2.2.1.4 Exempt and Non-Exempt Professional Development Days have been set.
2.2.1.5 Non-Exempt is Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at West Campus
2.2.1.6 Exempt is Friday, June 7, 2013 at Downtown Campus

2.3 Assistant Vice Chancellor – Debbie Yoklic

2.3.1 Debbie made mention that today’s date to a palindrome: 3-1-13.
2.3.2 The announcement has gone out asking for Standing Committee volunteers. There are a number of vacancies for staff, and it is a good way to have input and learn about College processes. Terms last for 3 years, and most start in September.

2.4 Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Report – Dr. Dolores Duran-Cerda for Dr. Jerry Migler

2.4.1 Dr. Duran-Cerda announced that things are in place for the change in status of the DACA students and expected the transition to go smoothly.
2.4.2 Dr. Duran-Cerda also shared that the College had applied for a Fulbright scholar-in-residence and was recently awarded the grant.
2.4.2.1 The scholar will most likely be from an African country and will be working in Anthropology/Sociology/Community Health/Border Studies out of the West campus. More details will be announced as available.

2.5 Interim Chancellor Report – Dr. Suzanne Miles

2.5.1 Dr. Miles shared the following:
2.5.1.1 The process for obtaining in-state tuition for “DACA” (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) students will require proper documentation, including Federal Form I-766 and proof of residency for at least one year.
2.5.1.2 Other State Community colleges and the Arizona Board of Regents will continue to treat these students as out-of-state, but the Board has affirmed its decision and the new policy will take effect in the Fall semester.
2.5.1.3 PCC has approved one-year contract with Arizonashuttle.com to provide shuttle transport service at no charge to PCC students. The shuttle will run twice a day during the Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 semesters and will connect Downtown Campus, West Campus, Desert Vista Campus and The University of Arizona.
2.5.1.4 Pima Community College will explore expansion into the center of downtown Tucson in order to enhance workforce training and enhance advising and other services for current and prospective students.
2.5.1.4.1 The PCC Governing Board voted for the College to identify areas in the center of downtown that would be appropriate for a new presence
2.5.1.4.2 The College’s workforce education programs at Community Campus are at maximum capacity.
2.5.1.4.3 Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild’s Education Task Force, as well as the Workforce Investment Board, have requested that the College offer more workforce education opportunities.
2.5.1.5 More safety trainings for staff will be announced soon. Staff are strongly encouraged to participate.
2.5.1.5 Dr. Miles shared that the recent State Auditor’s report did find some areas of concern within the College, particularly with regard to the hiring of consultants, and with the time-keeping system. These matters are already being addressed, and the new electronic timesheet system is now active for all staff and administrators.

2.5.1.6 As the Fall door decorating contest was such a success, there will be another contest for Spring.

2.6 Academic Disqualification Appeal Process – Shelly Dorsey

2.6.1 Stella provided Staff Council with an update on the new draft policy for Academic Disqualification recently developed by the Academic Standards Committee.

2.6.1.1 If a student fails to maintain a certain GPA, and/or to complete required courses in a timely manner, they are placed on Academic Probation and are referred to counseling. Not improving the GPA results in the student being placed on Academic Restriction. Academic Disqualification occurs if their grades or completion rate still does not improve while on Academic Probation.

2.6.1.2 In the past, instances occurred with a student having extenuating circumstances, such as a medical condition or military deployment, but there was no way for the student to appeal the disqualification.

2.6.1.2.1 A new form and process will provide an avenue for a student to show they are genuinely able to resume studies and be successful. The process is being coordinated with Financial Aid, which has its own rules and standards for maintaining eligibility

3) EMPLOYEE REPORTS

3.1 AFSCME Report – Rose Bolz

3.1.1 Meet and Confer items have been presented to the Board of Governors and several proposals have been signed with discussion continuing on the remaining.

3.1.2 ASFCME new executive director is Matthew Klein.

3.1.3 Rose will extend an offer on behalf of staff council to come to and speak.

3.1.4 There will be a Steward training March 9, 2013 from 9 – 4 at the Doubletree on Alvernon. Send Rose an email if you are interested.

3.2 ACES Report — none

4) COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 Board of Governors Report – Gloria Majalca

4.1.1 In addition to what was reported by others regarding the BOG meeting, Gloria reported that two rooms were filled to overflowing with concerned members of the public at Wednesday’s meeting. Supporters of the DACA students held signs and chanted as they waited to speak. Many told touching stories of living in Arizona all their lives, and not knowing their immigration status until graduating from high school and being denied financial aid.

4.1.1.1 Gloria will send pictures of the event for the Historian to place in the newsletter.

4.1.1.2 The video and transcription of the meeting are being worked on and should be available within a few days.

4.2 Campus/ District Report(s) and Updates

4.2.1 On the Intranet under the IT tab there is a link to download software that is available to PCC staff for home use at a very reduced price.

4.2.2 West Campus: This is the last weekend for the musical show “All Shook Up.” LULAC Leadership Conference on March 12. Volunteers are needed. You can go to the website to complete the form. The Women’s basketball team made the regional tournament again. The
will play at home March 5th. Thursday, March 28th, is the performance of the award-winning play “The Vagina Monologues” at the CFA Proscenium Theater.

4.2.3 Downtown Campus: March 11 from 6-9 p.m. there will be a lecture by the Tucson Audubon Society in the Amethyst Room, about appreciating the natural world.

5) OTHER BUSINESS
5.1 Committee Reports
5.1.1 Marketing – Jorge Caballero
5.1.1.1 The committee will meet monthly this year, on the 1st or 2nd Thursday, and may try videoconferencing for some meetings.
5.1.1.1.1 There are many good ideas for marketing, including awareness posters to be displayed in staff areas, and expanding the newsletter to include more photographs, campus activities, and feature articles.

5.1.2 Fundraising – Jorge Caballero
5.1.2.1 The committee will meet after the Marketing committee meeting.
5.1.2.1.1 Another restaurant fundraiser for seed money to support activities is in the works. Suggestions for venues are welcome.
5.1.2.1.2 Discussion on the possibility of doing a raffle has begun. More info to come later.
5.1.2.1.3 There was a suggestion to sell food before the B.O.G. meetings. Perhaps we could contact vendors with food trucks to provide this.
5.1.2.1.4 T-shirts are still available and will be distributed to the West, Downtown and Northwest bookstores.
5.1.2.1.5 At the next meeting discussion will include where to use funds this year, and other types of products to sell besides t-shirts.
5.1.2.1.6 AVIVA Children’s Services has had its funding from the state drastically cut. The Department of Economic Security sent out letters asking supporters to contribute directly to them instead of AVIVA. The consensus was to continue supporting AVIVA since they are in such dire need.
5.1.2.1.6.1 The fundraising committee may do another field trip to their office.

5.1.3 BOG Representative Election
5.1.3.1 Robert Ramirez was elected to replace Tim Kelliher and finish out the term (1 year).

6) OPEN FORUM/QUESTIONS
6.1 Question about the Federal budget “sequester” and how it will affect the College.
6.1.1 There may be delays in processing tax returns, limited access to Federal lands, and other consequences. It is not known whether grant money would be affected.

7) ADJOURNMENT

8) Next meeting: Friday, April 5, 2013
8:30AM – 10:30AM
District Office, A-206