

PCCD Unification Taskforce Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 29, 2026, from 12pm to 2pm, PCCD Boardroom

Taskforce Members present:

- Tammeil Gilkerson (Facilitator, Administrator)
- Nancy Cayton (Service Employees International Union)
- Richard Thoele (Service Employees International Union)
- Chungwai Chum (Peralta Classified Senate)
- Yang Hu (Peralta Classified Senate)
- Jeff Sanceri (Peralta Federation of Teachers)
- Jennifer Shanoski (Peralta Federation of Teachers)
- Leslie Blackie (District Academic Senate)
- Tom Renbarger (District Academic Senate)
- Gary Albury (Administrator)
- Amy Lee (Administrator)
- David Johnson (Administrator)
- Rebecca Opsata (Administrator)
- Kristina Hoessl (Student)
- Rosa Perez (Student)
- Bianca Ramirez (Student)

Eva Jennings (Administrator) could not attend

Notes:

1. Tammeil started the meeting at noon by welcoming taskforce members and community members watching via Zoom.
2. Public Comment
Heather Sisneros of Laney College commented on course lists and asked the unification taskforce to consider how merging of Laney College and Merritt College's 215 overlapping courses across 33 subjects will be handled. How will the decision be made on choosing which colleges course outline of record will move to Oakland City College? And, knowing that both colleges have their own course outline of records for each overlapping course, will there be opportunity for faculty from both colleges to collaborate on updating a course outline of record to reflect both college's agreement on what that would look like.
3. We reviewed the [Notes from December 11, 2025, meeting](#) and accepted them without changes
4. Communication plan -- FAQ Review - Mark Johnson thanked all the members who provided feedback and suggestions to the list of Frequently Asked Questions and Answers and then led the taskforce in a discussion of a revised version that incorporated all the feedback that had been submitted. The taskforce recommended several additional changes to the language, with Mark to make edits based on those comments and share a new draft at the February 12 meeting.
5. Student Experience Survey Summary Review & Recommended Actions – Jennifer Shanoski led a discussion of the [Student Experience Survey Results Summary](#) she compiled

manually (no ChatGPT!), and particularly focused on the bigger clusters of similar feedback including:

- Need for responsive/friendly/efficient applications and services
- Need for fully staffed and qualified student services & supports
- Celebrated some areas of cross-college alignment including Mesa, Basic Needs, SAS
- Noted Gaps around alignment in class availability and scheduling, some counselors not being familiar with programs/opportunities at other colleges, and inconsistencies in how questions are answered across the colleges
- How unification could improve scheduling and expanded student services and alignment of policies and procedures
- Concerns or barriers including resistance to change, and concern of loss of culture
- A need for uniformity and consistency across the colleges and campuses, and how that consistency can help build trust
- Richard noted the feedback was not surprising and suggested we think about better ways to leverage Flex Day to help inform all employees so they can provide greater consistency in student support, answering questions, etc.
- Leslie suggested the survey results reinforce what we felt we knew; we do have a finger on the pulse
- Tammeil suggested next steps are to drill into the support services that seem to have good alignment and apply lessons learned in other areas like SAS, Veterans services, and Learning communities
- Leslie noted some faculty anxiety
- Gary echoed the suggestion to look closely at SAS and noted that learning communities are unique at each college so good to map structure
- Richard asked about categorical programs (fund 11) and Amy mentioned that the VPSSs and VPIs are working at mapping out funding, staffing, and structure
- Tammeil reflected that staffing is varied, not well balanced across the colleges currently, and asked what opportunities could we build if we didn't just gap fill?
- Schedulers recently got together and that very valuable for them
- Jennifer suggested that in addition to the specific individuals invited to the focused group discussions we also offer send a general request for participation
- Mid-semester Flex was identified as good potential date for these focused group discussions
- Groups for discussion might also include department chairs
- ACTION: Tammeil will bring plan for focused sessions to the Taskforce at their next meeting on Feb 12

5a. Framework for Discussions (discipline, division, student services) - Leslie Blackie then led a discussion that started by [summarizing the Transformation Plan updates](#) from the December PBC meeting that she and Jennifer Fowler shared on Flex Day.

6. Next Steps

- District Wide Shared Governance Retreat coming up on February 27 at Merritt College
- In our Inquiry process, we are currently at the DREAM and DEVELOP phase
- Next Unification TF meeting is February 12, 2026

7. Adjournment