

Dear members of the Board:

One thing that has been bothering me since the last Board meeting is how Mr. Rocha implied that PCC is going through presidents faster than vice presidents. If someone doesn't know PCC's history, one would think that this college was very unstable before Mr. Rocha saved us from ourselves. In fact, "four presidents in four years" is not all what it sounds like. Mr. Rocha is referring to Presidents Kossler, Perfumo, Sugimoto, and himself. President Kossler was here for many years and ran a tight but convivial ship. There were no votes of no confidence under his tenure. President Perfumo was here such a short time, it can hardly be marked at all. The board recognized their mistake in hiring her and she was gone shortly afterwards. President Sugimoto took over in our time of need, and we would have kept her if that is what she had wanted. Instead, we got stuck with someone that most on campus already knew was bad news. The Board did not heed our warnings about Mark Rocha. I would like to know if Mark Rocha and his wife are still under investigation from his previous place of employment. The least the Board could have done was Google his name and found out that there were many unanswered questions about his leadership at his previous college.

I would also like to add that yes, obviously, we do want a fifth president. The campus has spoken loudly and clearly, both the students and faculty, in two votes of no confidence in Mark Rocha. I am pleading with the Board to listen to us before we lose all of our Prop 30 money, our accreditation, and our dignity. We have gone from being a first-class college to one where faculty and students are afraid of and intimidated by Mark Rocha and his administration.

To sum up, just as Mark Rocha gives his version of events to the Board behind closed doors, others are giving theirs to Board members as well. The Board is being informed of what the climate of this campus is really like. It is very different from Mark Rocha's reality. The veneer with which Mr. Rocha polishes his versions to the Board is cracking. The truth of how he is damaging this campus will come to light. The Board will not be forever fooled by Mark Rocha. Our campus community knows it and will continue to fight until the wrong is righted.

Unsigned