New President Reaches Out to Pacific Community

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After only two months into her term, Pacific’s new president already has the ball rolling. Dr. Pamela Eibeck, former Dean of Engineering at Texas Tech University, says her plans for the first semester of her presidency focus around planning and implementing a listening campaign.

Eibeck is interested in what Pacific community members think about the university and what improvements they hope to see in the coming years. Eibeck says she is formulating a plan that spans ten years and hopes that input from Pacific’s community will help shape that plan.

Eibeck is also opening her office to students as part of her listening campaign. She will hold office hours for the next three months so students can meet her and discuss issues and ideas they have about Pacific and the student body. Office hours will be held on September 1, October 15, and November 19 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In case students are not able to make it to her office, President Eibeck is also holding “Chats by the Fire Pit” at the DeRosa University Center. This way she can meet students where they congregate regularly. These chats will be held September 9, October 13, November 4, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

She is also holding a town hall meeting on September 10 that will be open to everyone at Pacific and the Stockton community. More information on the town hall meeting will be released in September.

President Eibeck says she intends to stay in touch with students throughout her time here at Pacific. Eibeck took over the role as President when former President Don DeRosa retired at the end of June.

Welcome Back to the Valley!

Weekend Weather

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Pacific M.O.V.E. received a big financial boost funded by a Pacific Fund grant that allowed the program to bring every student in the largest freshman class in Pacific’s history to participate in stewardship projects across northern California. The project, which is in its third year, is designed to bring together the incoming freshman class, connect them with the local surrounding communities and explore the landscapes of California.

M.O.V.E. stands for “Mountains, Ocean, Valley Experience” and represents the various projects each freshman could pick from. This year the project expanded to seven sites including three sites along the Calaveras River where the over 900 students could spend last weekend (August 21 and 22) assisting in various projects.

For the “Mountains” portion, students could pick a site in Yosemite National Park. Students helped the National Park Service remove invasive plant species including the Himalayan blackberry bush. They also tested water samples and tracked the movement of certain animal species.

The other “Mountains” option led students to Mt. Diablo. Students who chose this option hiked the mountain and helped the Mt. Diablo Interpretive Association to restore the landscape and improve the trail system.

For the “Ocean” option freshman could pick to head to the Marin Headlands. Students walked along the Pacific coast and spent time bonding and camping. They also helped the National Park Conservancy in various stewardship projects.

Another “Ocean” option was to travel to Point Bonita and the Golden Gate Recreational Area. Students explored the black sand beaches and the other natural formations around that area. They also helped local naturalists restore monuments and clean the local area.

The “Valley” options allowed students to get in touch with the local community and experience the unknown. One option was to visit the American River and experience white water rafting. After experiencing first hand how powerful a river is, the students helped reduce erosion by building up the shores near a campground.

The other “Valley” options stayed closer to home. Students could stay within Stockton and help various non-profits in their daily volunteer work and meet up later for an afternoon of barbeque and a chance to see a Stockton Ports pre-game warm-up and the game. The last option was for students to help clean up the Calaveras River. There they helped remove debris and trash from the river keeping the portion of the river that runs through campus clean. This group also made it to the baseball game with the other group.

Dr. Elizabeth Griego, Vice President of Student Life, and Pacific’s new President, Dr. Pamela Eibeck, along with about 40 staff and faculty took part in the M.O.V.E. Project this year. Griego, who traveled to Yosemite, says the trip was fascinating. “[It is a] good opportunity to bring students into a community,” says Griego. She says most of the students that went with her to Yosemite never were in the wilderness before.
MOVE with us...

To the American River

(ABOVE) Student Adviser Kelsie Hensley and a group at the American River.

(RIGHT) Students on the American River trip went white water rafting.

(BELOW) Students on the American River trip gearing up to clean up.

To Yosemite

(ABOVE) Vice President of Student Life, Dr. Elizabeth Griego, and a group of students in Yosemite.

(LEFT) Students at Yosemite.

(BELOW) Students berry picking in Yosemite.

For more information on the Pacific MOVE Program head to www.pacificmove.org!

To the Calaveras River

(LEFT) Students convene during their work at the Calaveras River. (ABOVE RIGHT) Students along the levee clean up the debris.

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