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Good afternoon all.

I am reaching out to formally invite you to be a part of the Fine Arts Task Force. You may recall that back in December our Vice President of Student Services Kim Lopez came to PBC to discuss the issue of re-locating the art gallery (it was part of a larger discussion concerning the future of the Transfer Center and CIETL). At the end of her presentation she suggested that the college create a task force to look at the state of the performing and visual arts on campus. At the same time, there were calls by the fine arts faculty for the college to vet what has become known as the "Hamilton Report." This report was produced by David Hamilton in his capacity as an outside consultant (he was hired by our former president Larry Buckley). Hamilton's charge was to provide the president with an appraisal of the fine and visual arts programs on campus, and offer recommendations for future steps. The report was shelved for some time but I finally presented it to PBC earlier this month.

Now we are at the point where we need to re-imagine what the fine arts can be at this college and come up with realistic strategies to get there. This is the charge of the Fine Arts Task Force. And while I believe that the fine arts faculty should serve as the *avant-garde* in this charge we need for this to be a broad-based undertaking. Toward this end I am asking stakeholders across disciplines and divisions to support this effort.

If you are interested in serving please let me know. The first step for this task force is to review the Hamilton report again to evaluate which of the recommendations are most appropriate and essential. From there we can establish our next priorities.

Here is a link to the PBC minutes, where you will find the Hamilton Report and the recommendations from VPSS Kim Lopez.

Best.

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