PLT reviewed the following information items:

- PLT considered opportunities to deepen connections between the college and the Downtown Riverside Partnership. A number of faculty, staff, and administrators are currently involved in various capacities with the Chamber of Commerce. Some of these RCC leaders will attend an event in March. PLT members also read the Chamber’s year in review.
- President Anderson reported on his first official visit to UC Riverside, where Chancellor Wilcox and UCR administration praised RCC’s rich contributions to the community, the quality of our student’s academic performance, and our role in the university’s success in serving low-income students. The VPs agreed that the connections between UCR and RCC are deep and multi-layered, with RCC faculty from many disciplines maintaining strong connections with UCR. Current collaborations need to be supported and additional connections need to be explored. On a broader scale, it bears repeating that our students leave us well prepared, often outperforming students who enroll directly in 4-year universities.
- Members of PLT recognized a variety of interventions and grassroots efforts across campus where faculty and staff are helping remove non-academic barriers to success. Most recent among these efforts is the Career Closet, under development right now.
- As another part of our college’s commitment to equity and community engagement, a number of equity leaders will represent RCC at the Chavez Breakfast.
- Chancellor Isaac and the college are providing a foundation for colleges across the Inland Empire for Guided Pathways work in a comprehensive and meaningful strategy. PLT members reviewed a draft of the summit presentation to Cabinet.
- PLT members began to explore the value of philanthropy, reading this brief article.

PLT considered the following policy issues:

- A preliminary discussion was held about the feasibility of a digital sign that would help promote the college in general, as well as specific campus events and performances. PLT agreed to initiate exploratory discussions and gauge support for such a sign through the regular participatory governance processes.
- PLT spoke about an upcoming Economic Impact Report which will demonstrate the substantial contributions that the college and district make throughout the region.
PLT took action on the following items:

- PLT agreed on broad criteria for a commencement speaker. Ideally, the individual who speaks would empower the graduates, connect with the major initiatives and strategic direction of the college, and inspire every member of the campus community. We welcome names of any potential speakers who may fit these criteria.
- After hearing a report on the president’s meetings with donors, community leaders, elected officials, and business executives, PLT members agreed to create a comprehensive list of key external community members to help strengthen and build upon the proud legacy of RCC, a true community college.
- PLT recommitted to the primacy of safety and security. President Anderson reported on his meetings with college and district personnel in risk management and the police. Everyone recommitted to seeking opportunities to create safer working environments, with the small step of locking the administrative wing where staff sometimes work very late outside of normal business hours.

Upcoming agenda items:

- a proposal for structure and composition of committees for major capital projects
- a thorough analysis of current funding issues, including the latest on the California community colleges’ funding formula as well as in-depth analysis and the actual text of the governor’s budget
- a report on the college’s engagement in implementing the California Guided Pathways framework and planning for the Inland Empire Guided Pathways event in March
- a report on the visit of the trustees, the chancellor and three college presidents to Sacramento, as well as planning for a lobbying trip with the same team to Washington DC