

## PCC to Fill Board Vacancy

Portland Community College will soon be one person short on its seven-member board of directors.

Valdez Bravo, representing Zone 5 in southwest Portland and Beaverton, is stepping down after being elected to the post in 2017 because she is moving out of the district, college officials said.

PCC is now accepting applications from interested candidates living in Zone 5 to fulfill the two years remaining in the post, which

covers the base of PCC's oldest and largest campus, Sylvania Campus.

Interested candidates are encouraged to forward a cover letter, resume, list of references, and letters of recommendation (optional) to Jeannie Moton, executive coordinator for PCC's Office of the President and Board Directors, at [jeannie.moton@pcc.edu](mailto:jeannie.moton@pcc.edu) or by mail to PCC-Board of Directors, P.O. Box 19000, Portland, OR 97280. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 24, at noon.

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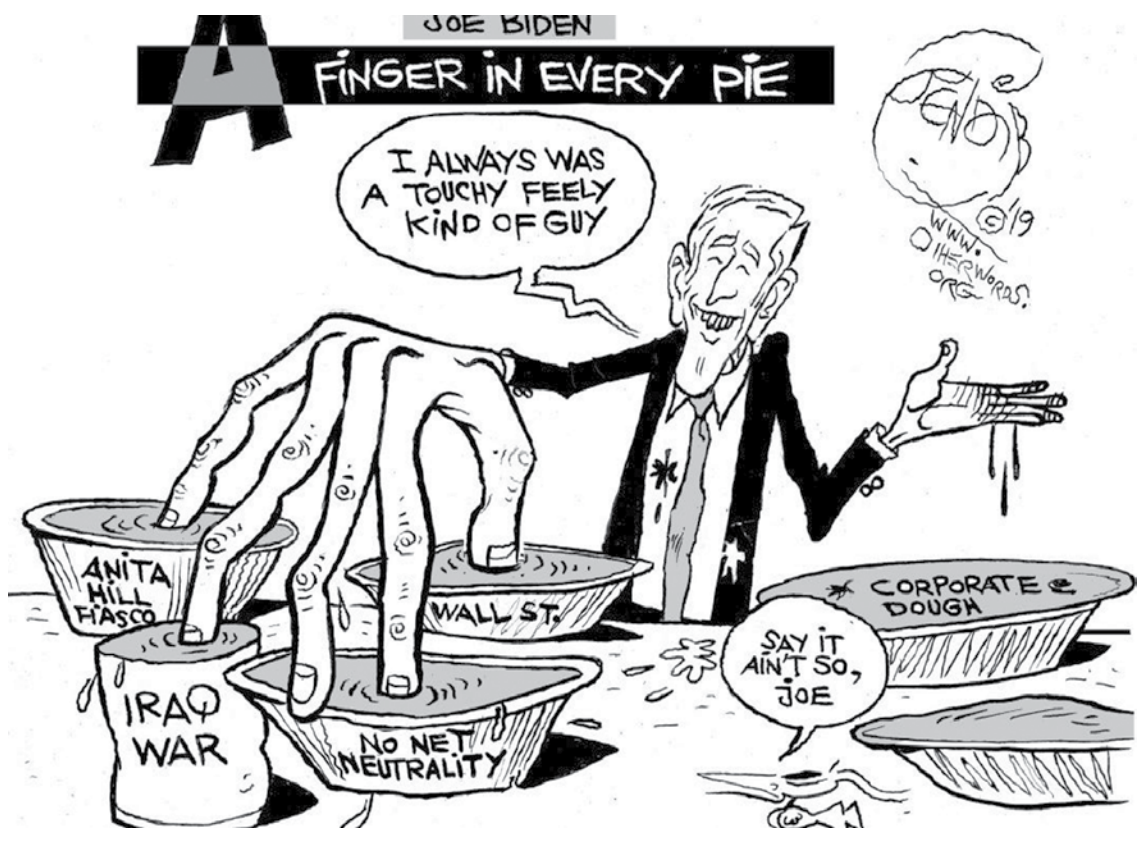
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## OPINION



## The Real Threats to Free Speech on Campus

### A disregard for the humanity of students

BY GLORIA OLADIPO

The school year may be winding to a close, but the tired argument about “attacks on free speech” on college campuses is alive as ever.

According to Donald Trump, liberal universities like Berkeley are allowing conservative students to be “assaulted” for sharing their beliefs on campus. To combat such violations, Trump signed an executive order requiring colleges to “protect free speech” or risk losing federal education funding.

I’m delighted to alert Trump and all those with similar concerns that free speech on campus, on both sides of the political aisle, is doing just fine — to a point.

College campuses, now more than ever, are home to a variety of organizations with differing political views: pro-Democratic and pro-Republican organizations, Students for Justice in Palestine and Students Supporting Israel, as well as other organizations with conflicting viewpoints.

More specifically, college campuses are fairly accommodating spaces for conservative students.

To date, no campus has banned any form of Trump paraphernalia, nor has any college persecuted a student for wearing pro-Trump symbols. College campuses rou-

tinely host conservative speakers: Cornell hosted Dick Cheney, while the University of Baltimore had Betsy DeVos speak at their commencement ceremony, among other examples.

Outside organizations actively use their influence to make sure conservative students have their perspectives represented. Many conservative organizations are well funded by Republican politicians and wealthy Republican families.

Additionally, conservative news outlets such as Breitbart and the National Review regularly publish articles demonizing universities they say aren’t doing enough to protect their version of “free speech,” which appears to mean shielding campus conservatives from any kind of criticism or protest.

When the president and other conservatives talk about the precarious state of free speech, they’re often referring to efforts to stop hateful speech on campuses.

They’re angry that Milo Yiannopoulos wasn’t allowed to speak at Berkeley when he was planning to out undocumented students, putting them at risk of deportation. They’re angry that a student organization from Cornell University canceled conservative speaker Jannique Stewart because of her blatant homophobia.

College campuses have always been willing to host dialogue, even when it’s difficult. However, the president’s and other conservatives’ demand that outside speakers be permitted to freely antagonize the most marginalized students on their own college campuses shows a complete disre-

gard for the safety and humanity of students.

So is free speech in jeopardy? Yes, but not in the way that conservatives traditionally conceive it.

Contrary to the usual story, many leftists within universities are persecuted for their beliefs. Lisa Durden, a black professor formerly at Essex Community College, was fired after defending a black-only Black Lives Matter event on Fox News. Jim Stump, a former professor at Bethel College, was fired for defending evolution compared to the university’s predominantly creationist beliefs.

Trump’s executive order itself — and the outside intimidation that conservative publications exert on students — represents an actual attack free speech. Student groups, often made up of people of color and other marginalized demographics, are constantly demonized for organizing to stop hate in their communities. While conservative students speak freely, those in opposition to homophobes and racists are silenced.

Free speech, including hateful speech, has consequences — including freely spoken responses of anger and protest from others. Students shouldn’t be expected to be idle in response to hate speech.

Instead of shaming and censoring progressive students, more should be done to protect those who protest, fighting against hate and for their own humanity.

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