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Subject: Response to Recent Press Regarding the Dean of Students

Dear Pitzer Community,

Recently, you may have noticed an article published in the *Claremont Independent*, alleging that Pitzer's new Dean of Students, Dr. Sandra Vasquez, concealed evidence as part of a Title IX investigation while she was employed at the University of California, Santa Barbara. The article attempts to paint Dr. Vasquez as an untrustworthy leader, bent on undermining students' rights. During the College's national search for a new Dean of Students, the College engaged in a thorough vetting process of Dr. Vasquez. After an internal review of this issue, the College believes that the *Claremont Independent*, misinterpreted and misrepresented the facts in its August 28, 2017 article.

Below is a statement from Dr. Vasquez regarding the August 28, 2017 *Claremont Independent* article:

"During my tenure at UC Santa Barbara, I performed my duties as the Director of Judicial Affairs in compliance with federal and state law, and university policy. I also performed my duties with integrity and the utmost respect for fairness and process. The article in the *Claremont Independent* does not accurately describe the case at UCSB, nor does it accurately describe my involvement. Suffice it to say that I have never concealed material evidence in any case, nor would I do anything that flies in the face of the professional and personal ethics that define me.

I have dedicated my career to advancing the access, retention and success of all students. I have advocated and worked diligently to develop student conduct policies and procedures that ensure fair and equitable processes for all parties involved, and I look forward to continuing this important work at Pitzer College." – Dr. Sandra Vasquez

We are disappointed by *Claremont Independent's* reckless and inaccurate reporting without contemplating the potential ramifications to Dr. Vasquez's professional reputation. Dr. Vasquez is a nationally regarded Student Affairs professional, and in a very short period of time, has already shown her commitment to Pitzer students. She has my full support, and we are delighted to have her as part of the Student Affairs leadership team.

Sincerely,

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