September 14, 2009 Senate Board Meeting

New Acting-President of Pasadena City College: The Board of Trustees (BOT) named Dr. Lisa Sugimoto the Acting College Superintendent-President this summer, following the BOT’s announcement that Dr. Perfumo had resigned.

Budget Update: Dr. Rick Van Pelt stated that the budget is being developed in 2-year cycles. Given the state’s financial situation, mid-year cuts may be expected in 2009-2010. However, in the big picture, PCC seems to be in good shape – consider that there will be no lost jobs for full-time employees. Prudent planning is aimed at coping with the state’s decision not to fund growth, nor provide any COLA. There will be an 8 percent cut in discretionary spending. There will be substantive cuts in travel and conference funds. Unfortunately, the state will continue to defer portions of our monthly apportionment monies. The maximum cumulative deferral is expected to occur in June, in an amount, perhaps, surpassing $16M – PCC’s cash flow will be very tight. Monthly expenditures at PCC are close to $10 million.

Distance Education Committee: A boot camp was offered in June 2009 to guide new and ongoing faculty in learning LMS (learning management systems), Blackboard/CE6, and effective online pedagogy. The group also learned about Web 2.0 technologies like FaceBook and Wikis. It filled to capacity (20 participants) and feedback was very positive.

Ad Hoc Senate SLO Committee: Last year the committee worked on fine tuning PCC’s Institutional Learning Objectives (ILOs) and restructured them to be consistent with our General Education requirements. The Senate Board will consider renaming them--General Education Outcomes (GEOs). The SLO Philosophy Statement is also being revised. This year the committee will develop rubrics for each of the competencies.

Education 2020: the new name for the process of forming a new Educational Master Plan for the college (formerly Vision 2020). An outside consultant, MIG, is coordinating the process for the college. The plan is focused on how the college will fulfill its mission of ensuring student access and success. Town hall meetings are already under way to get community input. On campus constituency groups will also be given an opportunity for input.

Accreditation Update: To address 2009 ACCJC recommendations, new committees are being formed, such as the IEC (Institutional Effectiveness Committee), the ARSC (Accreditation Response Steering Committee), and various RTFT (Recommendation Task Force Teams)

Faculty Opinion on Arming Campus Police: The Senate Board will develop procedures for assessing faculty opinions and determining its position on this matter.

Health Update: The H1N1 Flu may affect our students, and those affected will be sick 5-7 days. Regular hand sanitation is recommended. Flu shots are available for $15.

Announcements:
Statewide Academic Senate Plenary Session for fall 2009: November 12-14 in Ontario, CA