September 28, 2009 Senate Board Meeting

New Interim President of Pasadena City College: Dr. Lisa Sugimoto has been selected as the Interim College President. The Senate Board supports her and welcomes the opportunity to work with her.

PCCFA: Mr. Roger Marheine shared about an upcoming Board of Trustees (BOT) Candidate Forum to be held Thursday, October 15, 12:00 noon, in the Creveling Lounge. The PCCFA and the Academic Senate are co-sponsoring the event. Roger invited faculty, staff, and students to meet the BOT candidates for Areas 1, 3, 5, and 7.

Senate Calendar Committee: After reviewing a draft of the 2011-2012 calendar, the committee wanted the faculty to discuss the following two issues: (1) whether we want to add flex day(s), and (2) whether we want to continue having a one-week break between spring and summer sessions.

Ad Hoc Disaster Relief Committee: In response to the local Station fire, $200 will be donated by the Senate to the American Red Cross for relief use.

Ad Hoc Title 5 Changes Committee: The Committee is looking at 6-7 proposed majors, including environmental science, foreign languages, linguistics and the visual arts.

The Educational Policies Committee: Faculty add students to their classes in a variety of ways; the BOT asked that faculty review the many methods used and come back with a recommendation for the most fair and efficient way to add students to classes on or after the first day of class.

Issue of Arming Campus Police: Faculty may be asked to take a position on this matter. The Senate Board will discuss and decide upon a procedure for determining such a position.

Basic Skills Initiative Task Force – Action Planning Group: This task force is studying and working toward implementation of strategies that will enable students from basic skills classes to be successful in moving toward their AA or AS degrees.

Committee Members needed: Additional members are needed to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on BSI Policies, Distance Education Committee, Faculty Technology Committee, Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics. If you are interested, please call Judy at x7211.

Teaching and Learning Center (TLC): Brock Klein and Lynn Wright made a presentation on the highly successful TLC programs working with Basic Skills Students under a Title V grant. Programs include Math Jam, Math Plan. Highlight: retention spikes when students succeed in English & Math.

Announcements:
- Statewide Academic Senate Plenary Session for Fall 2009: November 12-14 in Ontario, CA
- Presentation by Jonathon Lightman, Exec. Dir. of FACCC, to PCC Acad. Senate in Nov.