October 12, 2009 Senate Board Meeting

New Interim Vice President of Student and Learning Services: The Board of Trustees selected Dr. Stuart Wilcox for this interim position. The Senate Board welcomes the opportunity to work with him.

2009-2010 Academic Senate Goals: These goals are linked to the college’s recently revamped strategic directions which parallel accreditation standards. Senate Representatives plan to share the Goals with their divisions for feedback before the Senate Board votes to approve them.

Ad Hoc Senate SLO Committee: The Senate SLO Committee is revising Institutional SLOs and competencies to make them more in line with our General Education Requirements for the AA and AS Degrees. The Senate may vote on accepting these new General Education Outcomes as early as the Board meeting of October 26. This committee assists faculty in the development and assessment of course, program, certificate, and college major SLOs.

PCCFA: Mr. Roger Marheine spoke about the union’s proposals for part-time faculty hire back rights and possible early retirement incentives for managers, faculty, and staff.

Senate Calendar Committee: After reviewing a draft of the 2011-2012 calendar, dialog continues about the number of flex days and inclusion of a break between the spring and summer semesters.

Creation of Ad Hoc Basic Skills Initiative Policies Committee: This new committee may be created to look at current policies and decide if changes are needed. This committee will work in concert with the BSI Action Group which is charged with improving the effectiveness of instruction in basic skills classes and training faculty to work more effectively with basic skills students, regardless of discipline.

Candidates’ Forum for the PCC Board of Trustees’ election: This Thursday, October 15, 12 noon, in the Creveling Lounge, a forum will be held for the community to meet the candidates—the incumbents and the opponents. The upcoming election is Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

The Educational Policies Committee: The committee prepared a draft of an Academic Integrity Policy that addresses the responsibility all campus groups have in fostering the academic integrity of our campus community. This committee is also reviewing data and will soon make a recommendation on the most fair and efficient procedures faculty can use when adding students after the semester starts.

Institutional Effectiveness Committee: All campus constituency groups will be represented on this new committee. Senate leaders would like faculty to have an important role in the formulation and practice of this committee.

Announcements:
- Area C meeting on Saturday, October 31, 2009 10am-2pm at Los Angeles Harbor College
- Statewide Academic Senate Plenary Session for Fall 2009: November 12-14 in Ontario, CA
- Presentation by Jonathon Lightman, Executive Director of FACCC, in November