October 26, 2009 Senate Board Meeting

Ad Hoc Senate SLO Committee: The Senate Board approved renaming PCC’s Institutional Learning Outcomes to General Education Outcomes (GEOs). The GEOs and related competencies are tied closely to General Education Requirements for the AA and AS degree, and their use will make assessment easier. CTE assessments will occur at the program level.

Educational Policies Committee: The latest revision of the Academic Integrity Policy will likely be voted on at the next Senate Board meeting. The contribution of all campus constituency groups to a climate of academic integrity at PCC is included. Each group will soon have an opportunity to study and revise their section of the policy. It is hoped that with this policy and its enforcement that it will be clearer to all that PCC is committed to ensuring that our students, indeed, do their own work.

College Calendar Committee: After much discussion, the Senate Board voted to direct our representatives on the College Calendar Committee to support one flex day and a one-week break between spring and summer sessions.

Institutional Planning and Research Office (IPRO): At division meetings, IPRO has been collecting faculty input on defining a program and identifying commonly used data sets for assessing program effectiveness in achieving the college’s mission: student learning.

New Ad Hoc Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) Policies Committee: The Basic Skills Initiative began in response to concerns about student success in light of the statewide Academic Senate’s recommendation that graduation requirements be raised to include English 1A and intermediate algebra. This committee will review Title 5 and PCC policies and procedures and incorporate BSI concerns and goals where appropriate.

Flyer announcing the due date of Final Grades: The Academic Senate Board has prepared a flyer for Division offices, encouraging faculty to turn in grades—online version and the A/B rosters—by the second day of the next session. Use of this flyer in Spring 2009 was correlated with more faculty meeting the required deadline.

Board of Trustees study sessions: Our Board of Trustees has shown interest in study sessions on diversity and the budget.

Academic Senate’s 2009-2010 Goals and Objectives: The Senate will formally approve its 2009-10 goals and objectives that were presented and worked on at the Senate Retreat in September. Our goals and objectives are closely aligned with the new strategic directions of the College.

Senate Fundraising Committee: This committee plans to prepare a list of alumni, who are willing to donate funds to the Senate/College. In cooperation with the Foundation the committee will also approach corporations that are interested in supporting the Senate/College.

Announcements:
- Fall 2009 Plenary Session of the Academic Senate of California CC’s is held in Ontario, CA, November 12-14.