December 7, 2009 Senate Board Meeting

Academic Rank Committee (ARC): The Senate Board approved the ARC’s recommendations for advancement in rank. Two faculty were approved for Professor, eight faculty were approved for Associate Professor, twelve faculty were approved for Assistant Professor, and two faculty were approved for Adjunct Assistant Professor. Names of faculty being advanced can be found in the Senate Minutes. Thank you to Ted James, Chair, and all members of the ARC.

Educational Policies Committee (EPC): The Senate Board approved the EPC recommendation regarding procedures faculty should use for adding students to classes. The Motion reads, “While the instructor of the course remains the final authority in determining which students to add, the Academic Senate Board recommends that the fairest and most expeditious way to add students is a sequential, unpaid wait list of 10-30% (or more) of the class size based on the Division’s preference”. Members of the EPC are willing to work with a shared governance committee including management, staff, and students to work out the details.

Distance Education (DE) Committee: The Senate Board heard the DE Committee recommendation that the PCC Curriculum and Instruction Committee (C & I) Form D (commonly referred to as a “distance education addendum” be revised. The DE committee further recommended that the C & I Committee reserve a permanent, voting seat for a member of the DE Committee, who will also be able to consult on matters relating to Distance Education. There is likely to be a vote on this recommendation at the next Senate Board meeting. The Senate Board voted to approve the DE Committee recommendation (#104) that sets standards in technology literacy and readiness skills (described in the DE document) for Online Instructors, including a requirement that online instructor provide evidence of formal college coursework in online teaching, prior successful experience in online teaching, or competent teaching in an online format - by formal demonstration.

Senate Ad Hoc SLO Committee: A vote on whether to revise and streamline the Philosophy Statement on Student Learning and Support Service Outcomes was postponed.

Senate Sustainability Committee (SSC): The Senate Board voted to support the SSC recommendation that the college not go forward with buying a satellite sprinkling system – because of cost and need considerations.

Ad Hoc BSI Policies and Procedures Committee: This newly formed committee chaired by Edward Martinez met for the first time. Twenty faculty from English, Math, ESL, CTE, and Counseling were present. This committee will evaluate whether there is a need to revise local PCC policies and procedures given the college-wide effort under BSI designed to enhance opportunities and success for BSI students.

Library support for ASCCC Resolution: The Library faculty asked the Senate Board to formally support a ASCCC resolution passed at Fall 2009 Plenary Session. The Senate Board voted to support the resolution that called on colleges to continue to support periodical databases and other electronic information resources despite State cuts in TTIP (Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program) funding.

Announcements: Final Grades due: Jan. 12, 2010; Next Senate Board mtg. will be March 1, 2010. Happy Holidays!