



Senate Nanoseconds

What Faculty Need to Know

A concise summary of Senate business conducted at a Senate Board meeting. Complete minutes available on the PCC Website.

May 3, 2010 Senate Board Meeting

Distance Education (DE) Committee: DE Committee brought three recommendations to the Senate Board. Two new recommendations (#109: Teacher Load and #111: Intellectual Property Rights and Copyright) were presented for review and division feedback. One previously presented recommendation (#110: Regular Effective Contact) was passed by the Senate Board.

Kinesiology Faculty Concerns: Faculty from the division shared that many in their division would rather wait until there is a state mandate before making significant changes to the nature and number of physical education activity classes offered, especially since two units of activity classes are required to earn an associate's degree.

Educational Policies Committee: will meet to discuss non-instructional use of electronics in the classroom by students. Faculty have shared concerns about student misuse of cell phones, iPods, and laptops in the classroom.

Accreditation Review: Dean Robert Miller gave a detailed report about the April 8 Accreditation Site Team follow-up visit. Two members from the original Accreditation Site Visit Team reviewed the College's efforts to comply with ACCJC recommendation #1.

Sacramento update: ASCCC (statewide Academic Senate) is working at state level on CID (course identification) labels to "mark" courses with very similar core content, allowing students to receive proper transfer credit when they attend more than one community college. Additional news is that over 20,000 students statewide are being served this year, with no funding from the State.

Academic Rank Committee: The committee recommended and the Senate approved: 4 faculty to Assistant Professor, 4 faculty to Associate Professor, 2 faculty to Professor, and 1 faculty to Professor Emeritus.

PCC Senate Board Call to Action: an e-mail will be sent soon to all faculty, encouraging greater faculty involvement and leadership in the work of the Senate, in general, and in the specific areas of curriculum development and review, the assessment of SLOs, and overall institutional effectiveness. President Bickley and President-elect Martinez will co-author the communication. Please consider becoming more involved in governance processes.

Sustainability Committee: students and faculty shared concerns that policy proposal drafts researched and written by students were not agendized for discussion by all constituency group representatives at a recent College Sustainability Committee meeting. Students and faculty were concerned that shared governance processes were not followed. Further discussion will likely follow at the May 17 Senate Board meeting.

Announcements:

1. Senate fundraiser on Tuesday, May 11, 6-8 pm, (Car) Tips, Tricks, and Truths, presented by Wendy Lucko. Register with Pattie Lynn at x7031. \$20.
2. BOT/Senate Faculty Lecture Performance: Rebecca Morris, "Abstraction in the Everyday" Tuesday, May 11, 2010, Noon in R122.