



# 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.

### June 7, 2010 Senate Board Meeting

Distance Education (DE) Committee: three recommendations were approved by the Senate Board: #112—DE Course Quality Rubric and Online Course Design Elements; #113—Student Conduct and Academic Integrity; and #114—Self-Assessment of Online Course Facilitation.

Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Evaluation: this committee will make suggestions for developing criteria division deans may use when determining which faculty deserve an outstanding or satisfactory evaluations.

Educational Policies Committee (EPC): The Senate Board heard a progress report on the committee's deliberations regarding the Appropriate Student Use of Electronics in the Classroom. A recommendation is being formulated. One issue students and faculty agreed upon was that no electronic devices should be permitted during tests and examinations.

Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics (CAFPE): CAFPE continues its review of the proposed draft of a college Time, Place, and Manner Policy. Students and faculty expressed views that the policy may be a bit limiting in terms of what areas are designated free speech zones.

Ten Senate Scholarships Awarded: prior to the Senate Board meeting today a reception was held in honor of the 10 students to whom the Senate awarded \$1,000.00 scholarships. Several of the students are planning on attending UC Berkeley, the most common transfer destination among all the recipients.

Enterprise Resource Plan (ERP): Dr. Rick van Pelt explained the value of an ERP conversion to our campus. Funds have been and are continuing to be set aside for this purpose. The ERP software would integrate a common database which can be shared among various constituency groups: Admissions, Records, Fiscal, Human Resources, Financial Aid, etc. This would mean a major cultural shift in the organization and would require a great deal of training to ease the transition.

Senate Fundraising Committee: A+ Campaign: the A+ Campaign presented a Concept Paper and asked for one-time funds (\$1,375.00) from the Senate Board to purchase of an internet "wealth engine" for compiling a list of Pasadena-area residents capable of donating \$100,000 or more to the College. The Associated Students may also match the Senate's contribution. With state support of community college education being hit so hard by the recession, members of the A+ campaign argued in favor of the Senate becoming proactive. Successful fund raising may result in monies being used for professional development of faculty, student scholarships, and classroom travel. It is anticipated that the funds generated will go into the PCC Foundation, and hopefully in an associate organization account of the Senate.

Sustainability Committee: The Senate voted to encourage its committee representatives to work toward producing a comprehensive set of sustainability policies and procedures that will go through the shared governance process (addressing campus water management, energy production, transportation issues, recycling e-waste, etc.).

### Announcements:

1. Academic Senate Retirement and Awards Breakfast: Friday, June 18, 2010, 7:30am in Creveling Lounge. Please purchase tickets at the Student Bank for \$15 per person.
2. Faculty retirees: William Mitacek, Laraine Stivers, Jay Hern, Emy Lu Weller, Ellen Shockro