Distance Education (DE) Committee: Recommendation 106, called Pedagogical Readiness for Faculty, recommends that instructors who wish to teach online courses must meet certain online, pedagogical readiness qualifications. The Senate voted to approve the DE recommendation and send it to the PCC Faculty Association.

Senate Fundraising Committee: Discussion continues about the purchase of a wealth engine donor sorting program, to identify local residents who may want to contribute to the Academic Senate’s A+ Campaign for Teaching Excellence and Inspired Learning.

Proposed Senate Committee on Policies: President Bickley recommends the formation of this new committee, to review policies assigned by the CCC. For instance, the Animals on Campus policy is a current policy being reviewed.

College Calendar Committee: The 2011-12 college calendar recommended by the College Calendar Committee is being shared with all constituency groups for final vote up or down. One of the more controversial changes from this year’s calendar is the proposed week between spring and summer semesters, resulting in only three weeks between summer and fall semesters. (The recommended change, however, is consistent with the approved calendar for 2010-11.) There is some concern that this change was not successfully “aired” with sufficient numbers of the various constituency groups on campus.

Managed Printing Services: Dean Bob Cody revealed that PCC supports more than 1500 printers. He recommends a request for information (RFI) be made to listen to vendors’ ideas on ways our campus can manage printing services to save space, money and the environment. He asked the Academic Senate Board whether faculty wished to participate in such a process.

Academic Senate Committee Members Needed: Two committees need additional members: the Ad Hoc Faculty Evaluation Committee, and the Senate Faculty Handbook Committee. Please contact Judy at x7211.

PCCFA: The faculty union negotiating team signed a tentative agreement with the District for 2008-2009, and requests ratification at the Thursday, April 1, 12pm meeting, in C-333.

Announcements:
1. Faculty nominations for the Ralph Story Service Award are due by 12 noon on April 15, C227
2. Classified employee nominations for Unsung Hero Award are due 12 noon on April 15, C227
3. Academic Senate Spring Plenary Session: April 15-17, 2010, San Francisco, CA