



# 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.

### September 13, 2010 Senate Board Meeting

Basic Skills APG (Action Planning Group): Basic Skills Coordinator Manny Perea gave an update on how the College is serving under-prepared students, to help them achieve their goals. Current activities include: learning to make use of our new Task Stream program-review software; working with the ad hoc BSI policies committee to work on policy review; and providing a supplemental instruction student leader who facilitates study groups and tutoring opportunities.

Faculty Technology Committee: Funding is being sought to expand wireless communication on campus. The email address “paccd.cc.ca” will soon close, and faculty needs to migrate files over to the new server. The committee continues work on the new ERP (Educational Resource Planning), a computer system which coordinates student records, rosters, grades, and scheduling. Lastly, the committee will review the current DE software, Blackboard, to see if it best meets our DE students’ needs.

Enrollment Management: President Edward Martinez stated that College President Rocha plans to work on class size issues, and that LGI (large group instruction) options will be discussed. These may also be items for district-union negotiations.

Legislation: Senate Bill 1440, on the Governor’s Desk, may change the nature of PCC’s Associate degrees again, and may mandate that our AA degrees be accepted for transfer by the CSUs. We are waiting for the Governor’s decision on the legislation and guidelines from the Chancellor’s office.

New Veterans’ Service Center: the receipt of a large grant has enabled the College to install an office in the W-building, to help student veterans manage benefits, receive counseling, and meet with other veterans.

College Executive Committee Welcome: College President Rocha welcomed the faculty to the new semester, and recognized Senate President Edward Martinez for his leadership and dedication. Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Jacobs, reminded the Senate Board that Student Success is our Top Priority.

Area 5 Board of Trustee Member Interviews: Five candidates have been selected to complete an interview process to fill the vacancy in Area 5, which covers South Pasadena, San Marino, and parts of Temple City.

Educational Services Report: Bob Miller, Interim Dean of Educational Services, gave an update on how the Accreditation process links with the College’s mission and EMP (Educational Master Plan). The proposed IEC (Institutional Effectiveness Committee) will support program review, accreditation, institutional research, etc., geared toward promoting student success at PCC.

Running our Senate Meeting: Secretary Dustin Hanvey presented a variation of the Robert’s Rules for Parliamentary Order, to be used as a basis for effectively running our Senate meetings. The three stages are: informational, discussion/debate, and the vote. Only Senate representatives elected by division can vote on matters before the Senate.