



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.

November 22, 2010 Academic Senate Board Meeting

College President Rocha —President Rocha announced that the accreditation site visit on November 17 was a complete success. He referred to the Project 90 Executive Summary as our guiding document. The Distance Education concerns were discharged, and our next project is developing a program plan and review, for every program, to direct allocation decisions. We hope to be off warning status in the very near future.

Educational Policies Committee—Dr. Stuart Wilcox explained the history of the way PCC adds students to classes, and how we will implement an unpaid, sequential wait list for spring 2011. A possible wait list number for each course section is 10.

Distance Education (DE) Committee—two recommendations were approved by the Senate Board: #118—Distance Education Website and #119—Learning Management System (LMS). The next version of Blackboard to be implemented is Blackboard 9.1. A training session for this software is schedule for winter 2011.

Student Access and Success Initiative (SASI)—funds of \$1 million have been set aside for this initiative, and guidelines for obtaining these funds will soon be available.

Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC): Dr. Jim Bickley is the faculty co-chair of this committee and Dr. Cynthia Olivo is the management co-chair. They will work with other College constituency groups to look at the program review process and make recommendations for improving College programs. Task Stream is the software that faculty will be trained on, in order to process their program reviews.

Calendar Committee—the Committee requested Division input on the 2012-2013 calendar, as to the placement of the Lincoln and Chavez holidays, on Fridays or Mondays.

Ad Hoc Faculty Evaluation Committee—this Committee was established to determine criteria for faculty evaluations, so that deans will have clarity in what constitutes a Needs Improvement, Satisfactory, or Outstanding evaluation decision.

Senate President Martinez' Report—the Statewide Academic Senate adopted a paper regarding the establishing of prerequisites through content review. Also, a potential change in Title 5 was approved for setting a hard limit of two years for interim administrator. Additionally, CLEP and International Baccalaureate templates will soon be available for awarding appropriate credit for the associate degree

PCCFA—Mr. Roger Marheine announced that the winter 2011 session opened and closed within 24 hours.

Announcements:

1. Fall semester grades are due on or before Tuesday January 11, 2011.
2. Ellen Ligon's retirement celebration is Friday, December 3, 2010, 2-5pm in the Creveling Lounge.