



# 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.

### February 28, 2011 Academic Senate Board Meeting

College President Rocha's Address—President Rocha stated that no final decision has been made about the calendar or budget, and we have until mid-April to decide on our recommendations. The retirement incentive program may lead to numerous retirements; Faculty have until May 16<sup>th</sup> to declare their intent. Dr. Rocha announced an upcoming search for a Chief Technology Officer (CTO), who would report to the College President. Additionally, there is a merging of the Computing Learning Center and MIS, to be located in the Media Center.

Enrollment Management Standing Committee—this committee is examining several scenarios for a partial reduction in the total number of sections offered in the next academic year. The Academic Senate is gathering input from the faculty on various scenarios which are potential responses to the state's budgetary crisis.

Senate President Report—during winter 2011, PCC was fully re-accredited by the ACCJC. We need to be aware of the need to engage in SLO assessment at the course, program, and general-education levels. A number of campus-wide committees have been created or modified, including Enrollment Management, Budget and Resource Allocation, Facilities, and Sustainability. There are proposed Title 5 changes to permit content review on pre-requisites. The issue is currently before the Board of Governors. During winter 2011, the Senate's Faculty Priorities Hiring Committee ranked 51 faculty positions requested by the deans. The positions were ranked on how they contribute to transfer, Associate degrees/Certificates of Achievement, and Basic Skills completion.

Faculty Diversity Initiative—this initiative is coordinated by Chiara Thomas Hensley. It is to develop an awareness and appreciation of our College's diverse community and to augment an appreciation of diversity issues. An Associate in Arts in Gender, Ethnicity, and Multicultural Studies (G.E.M.S.) now offered at PCC.

Memo of Understanding (MOU) for full time hiring procedures for Academic Year 2011-2012—this modified full time hiring procedure shortens the hiring process by reducing three levels of interviews to two levels. Senate reps were asked to share this proposal with division faculty and offer their perspectives in preparation for our next meeting.

Normal Closing Number (NCN) Memorandum—the Executive Boards of the Academic Senate and the PCC Faculty Association prepared guidelines for the maximum number of students to be enrolled in classes. The memorandum is directed to the C&I Committee for review, debate, and adoption.

Education Policies Committee—faculty seemed pleased with the new, unpaid wait list, stating that it added new students logically, replacing those who were absent the first day. There were fewer "course crashers."

Executive Committee Elections—nominees may declare their interest in running for a Senate office by March 14, and to include a nominations statement. Ballots will be in a hybrid, online format, and due by April 11.

### Announcements:

1. ASCCC Plenary Session—April 14-15, 2012, San Francisco, CA
2. Lunch and Learn Discussion on Budget and Enrollment issues—Tuesday, March 8, 2012, Creveling Lounge, 11:30-1pm