



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.

March 14, 2011 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Public Comment—several professors expressed their views regarding the MOU for proposed 2-level hiring guidelines, which would temporarily replace the current 3-level process. The proposed MOU on Faculty Hiring was withdrawn; the current 3-level process will remain in place.

Faculty Professional Development Committee—Dr. Lynn Wright offered several faculty development opportunities for March and April, to help faculty adjust to the transitions and changes on the campus. These are (1) Leadership Journey for PCC Faculty Leaders, (2) Learning Networks, and (3) The New College Student and You. To register, contact Dr. Wright at x3047 or lmwright@pasadena.edu.

College President Rocha's Address—President Rocha invited everyone to the Lunch and Learn on Tuesday, March 15, 11:30am-1pm in the Creveling Lounge. He will address faculty about the new contract and early retirement. There is no proposal for reorganization of current divisions. The numbers for classified staff and administrators will be lower, while new faculty will be higher. He commented that PCC would hire at least 20 new faculty members. Dr. Rocha also reminded faculty that the workload reduction affecting our College is directed to us by the Chancellor's Office.

Enrollment Management Standing Committee (EMS)—the purpose of the Enrollment Management Standing Committee is to advise the College Council on matters relating to course offerings and numbers of sections in accordance with the Educational Master Plan. Currently, there are no changes to the approved college calendar for academic year 2011-2012, and a maximum of 300 sections shall be cut from sections in 2011-2012 (summer 2011, fall 2011, winter 2012, and spring 2012).

Senate President Martinez' Report—The Board of Trustees voted to approve the contract between the District and PCCFA. He mentioned a presentation by Kim Miles Director of Financial Aid to the Trustees. Financial Aid for the year 2010-11 is projected to reach \$25 Million. Students in this program need to be in good academic standing to receive the funding for Pell grants, BOGG grants, Federal student loans, etc.

Election Committee Update—today was the deadline for nominations to the Academic Senate Executive Committee. Ballots will be sent March 24, and are due back by April 5.

Normal Closing Number (NCN) guidelines—proposed guidelines for the instructional areas are: Basic Skills courses (25 students), Transfer courses (30), Career and Technical Education (CTE) (24), Distance Education modality (30), and Large Group Instruction (LGI) (best practices in the discipline). Guidelines and numbers are current under review by the C&I Committee.

Distance Education Training—PCC offers hybrid and online classes through the learning management system Blackboard 6. However, the College plans to change to Blackboard 9.1 next year. Classes are available campus for four Fridays in April and also online. Contact Leslie Tirapelle to register at x7596.

Announcements:

1. ASCCC Plenary Session—April 14-15, 2012, San Francisco, CA
2. Conference: Putting the Pieces Together (GCC/PCC), at PCC, Saturday, April 2, 2011