



# 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 28, 2011 Academic Senate Board Meeting

College President Rocha's Address—President Rocha encouraged everyone to participate in and support our students in raising scholarship funds through the Hands Across California event scheduled on April 17th for all 112 California community colleges. Learn more at: [HandsAcrossCalifornia.org](http://HandsAcrossCalifornia.org). In addition, he mentioned that a new comprehensive smoking policy could be decided upon by consensus.

Senate President Martinez' Report—The Board of Trustees' recent study session focused on the need to make changes in enrollment priority and to establish "pathways" for high school students making the transition to PCC. The Area C meeting of the ASCCC addressed resolutions to: (1) impose greater restrictions on the repetition of courses, (2) streamline some of the physical education and music courses and (3) adopt policies regarding courses offered through extended learning.

Several Senate faculty representatives expressed concern about the possible expansion of administrative positions including two new Vice Presidents, and the change in status of two positions from Deans to Vice Presidents, saying that this action is not appropriate during this time of budget restraints. The reps did, however, agree with the decision to fill administration positions currently filled by interims.

Hiring Committee Members needed—with the recruitment of 20 new faculty members for 2011-2012, numerous hiring committees will be needed to screen and select future colleagues. Please consider serving on one of these committees, and recommend other faculty who are willing to serve in this important assignment.

Transfer Update—Ms. Dina Chase gave a presentation on the number of PCC students who transfer to various universities. She provided statistics showing that in many transfer categories we came in 4<sup>th</sup> as compared to other California community colleges. A commitment is now in place to become number one for transfers in the state as outlined in the Educational Master Plan, or Project 90.

Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC)—Dr. Jim Bickley described the mission of the IEC and stated that meetings are held weekly, with faculty being the largest number of participants on the IEC. Program Reviews will be evaluated, with recommendations made to C&I and other appropriate bodies at the College. The software known as TaskStream will be used to document and complete these evaluations.

SB 1440 Update—Mr. Armando Duran presented a proposed change to policy #4060 on the Associate Degree. The proposed changes incorporate the features of SB 1440; a vote will be taken at the next Senate meeting on 4/11 on these proposed changes. There are new degrees with new names: the AA for Transfer (AA-T) and the AS for Transfer (AS-T). These are transferable to all the CSUs. Mr. Duran also stated that several new degree majors have been completed in Sociology, Psychology, and Communications; and that Kinesiology, Theatre and Math are next. Students declare a major when they file for graduation.

Budget Committee—Discussion continues about the State budget; funds for new construction (like the U-Building); and temporary bungalows in Lot 5.

### Announcements:

1. ASCCC Plenary Session—April 14-15, 2012, San Francisco, CA
2. Conference: Putting the Pieces Together (GCC/PCC), offered at PCC, Saturday, April 2, 2011
3. PCCFA Forum, Thurs., April 7, 12 noon, C-333. A review of the budgets for PCC and the state.