



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.

May 16, 2011 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Distance Education (DE) Committee—Faculty reps, deans, and other administrators are working on DE Policy #3230. Professor Krista Goguen presented a modified version. The DE Advisory Board is reconciling our proposed college policy with state and ACCJC regulations. Also a DE faculty manual is being developed, which will outline best practices in distance education.

Time, Place, and Manner Policy—The chairperson of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics (CAFPE), Dan Gallup, spoke to this policy and articulated a need to revisit free speech areas, banner sizes, hate violence definition, and prior restraint. His committee wants to meet with the district's legal counsel, ask why CAFPE's most recent version was not accepted, and, possibly, work on a new version.

SASI Innovation Awards—Award recipients plan to create programs to increase student success. Three awards of \$100,000 were granted to Salomon Davila and Deborah Bird for Design Technology Pathways; Katie Rodriquez and Paul Jarrell for Health Science Pathways; and Leslie Tirapelle for Lecture Capture technology. There were also 14 mini-grant recipients. The Senate's Professional Development Committee – Chaired by Lynn Wright- will coordinate the dissemination of information about these projects.

Senate President's Report—Mr. Edward Martinez discussed a joint project presented at the last Board of Trustees' meeting involving PUSD, PCC, and CSULA, called "PCC Pathways to Degree." PUSD is involved in a number of initiatives to increase the number of students interested in science and math. There are also projects underway to streamline the coordination of math and English curriculum between area high schools and the College. PCC is creating new transfer degrees for the CSU system. Currently proposed degrees are Psychology, Sociology, Math, and Communications. Also, PCC, PUSD, and CSULA may develop new cohorts groups to track students as they matriculate from high school to PCC and continue to CSULA.

Classified Senate Fundraiser—The Academic Senate donated mouse pads for their retreat.

Westerbeck Donation of \$4 million—a generous gift from Robert and Adrienne Westerbeck was received by the Foundation, to endow PCC student scholarships. He was a PCC alumnus.

PCCFA—elections will be held for Vice President, Treasurer, and two Director positions. More details about an election process will be forthcoming from the union.

Faculty Lecture Performance Award--presentation by Dr. Tooktook Thongthiraj, "Gaga, Garnett, and Gucci in the Classroom", on May 19, 12 noon in C333. Reception follows in C217.