



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.
June 6, 2011 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Academic Rank Committee Recommendations—Committee chair, Ted James, presented the spring 2011 change of rank recommendations. Professor James thanked the hard working committee members: Michelle Banks, Jo Buczko, James Sy, Janis Dwyer, and Dona Mitoma.

Distance Education Committee—Committee co-chair, Krista Goguen, presented changes to Distance Education (DE) policy# 3250. The proposed policy reflects changes primarily related to working conditions. Leslie Tirapelle, DE Interim Director, said the college has adopted four core competency courses from ACT-1. These are free faculty training for online and face-to-face courses funded by the state. Course registration is available through the DE office.

Institutional Effectiveness Committee— Jim Bickley & Cynthia Olivo, Co-chairs of IEC, asked for representatives from Health Sciences, English, Social Sciences, and Languages. Representatives are necessary as the committee is now prepared to provide feedback on program reviews submitted to IPRO. Shelagh Rose will be the faculty co-chair next academic year as Jim Bickley is retiring.

Executive Committee Recommendations— Patricia Lynn was appointed to chair the Academic Rank Committee.

Senate President's Report— Edward Martinez discussed the approval of Policy 4060 (governing associate degrees) at the last Board of Trustees' meeting (June 1). The AD Hoc Committee on the Student Transfer and Achievement Reform Act is reviewing proposals for associate degrees in English, History, Business, and a variety of other majors (subject to approval of the Chancellor's Office). On June 6th, the Senate awarded ten scholarships: 7 Dean's Honors Scholarship and 3 Keith Miller Educational Scholarship awards. A reception was held in honor of the students who were recognized. As a result of several generous donations the Senate should be able to allocate the full amount of \$1,000 to each student recipient.

PCC Pathways Project— Cynthia Olivo is applying for a LUMINA grant for the PCC Pathways. Dr. Olivo presented this project, entitled "2+2+2 Pathways Project", at both a Board of Trustees meeting in Temple City and at a joint PCC and Pasadena Unified School District Board meeting.

Sustainability Update— Rick van Pelt announced that PCC won two awards for sustainability in October 2010 and will receive two more awards in July 2011, at the Higher Educational Sustainability Conference at Cal State Long Beach in two categories: "Innovative Waste Reduction" and "Campus Community Partnership and Social Equity for I-Pass Award".

PCCFA— Election ballots for Vice President, Treasurer, and two Director positions are due in C129 June 13, by 4:00pm. The union is sending four faculty members to The Great Teachers Conference this summer. Also, Pres. Rocha committed to providing space and ensuring that part-timer office hours will be compensated.

Annual Academic Senate Faculty Retirement (Continental) Breakfast—Friday, June 17th; 7:30 am; Creveling Lounge; \$15 tickets available in the College Bank (B203).

Reminder - Spring Semester grades are due on or before Tuesday, June 28, 2011.