



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.

October 24, 2011 Academic Senate Board Meeting

C-PART: (The Crisis Prevention and Response Team) is a coalition of several campus organizations to help deal with crises that comes to the attention of campus community. Handouts, entitled Tips for Faculty and Staff and A Guide for Faculty regarding behavior categories and actions to take, are online, but Jo Buczko or Kent Yamauchi can be contacted for hardcopies.

AIS (Administration Information System- aka ERP) Presentation: Dwayne Cable, V.P. of Information and Technology Services, announced that the Board of Trustees approved the replacement of the old information system. Strata, an information group has been hired to assess the College's organizational needs and will help create a vendor selection committee. Vendor demonstrations will be open to the campus community. The final contract date for a new vendor is June 2012.

Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (Policy #4520): Dustin Hanvey presented the revisions of this policy, including the definitions of academic dishonesty and the responsibilities of faculty and staff to assure academic integrity. This policy will be voted on at the next Senate meeting.

Degrees, Certificates and Transfer Certificates (Policy #4060): Patty D'Orange-Martin reviewed the changes in the policy, to allow active duty servicemen and women to complete PCC's academic residency at any time they are enrolled. Completion of academic residency when enrolled holds true for all students. This change will allow PCC to become a member of the Servicemen & women's Opportunity College Membership. This policy will be voted on at the next Senate meeting.

Open Discussion of Realignment: Faculty representatives reported back about the ongoing discussion in their divisions regarding realignment. All who spoke reported that, while reactions varied, there were profound concerns and reservations about the timeline and the method of faculty input into the process. Still others pointed to the lack of clear rationale and demonstrable outcomes. Some suggested there should be greater numbers of faculty representatives on the Planning and Priorities Committee that is charged with getting input and researching models for realignment. Others were concerned about contract implications and policy implications that need to be addressed.

Planning and Priorities Committee: An election will take place at the next Senate meeting to seat four faculty members on this committee. The Nominations and Election Committee, Chaired by Pat Peach, will conduct the election, by majority vote, for the voting representatives on the Senate Board.

Academic Senate President's Report: Edward Martinez reported on recent legislation requiring the CSU system to consider student transfers who report their courses through E-transcripts before students who submit paper transcripts.

Announcements: Board of Trustees Candidates Forum is this Wednesday, October 26, 2011.

A.C. Panella Speech instructor and president of GALSO (Gay and Lesbian Staff Organization) announced GALSO and Queer Alliance will host a staff/student mixer on Thursday, October 27, 12:00pm-1:00pm. Future discussions topics will include curriculum and support for GLBT students.