



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.

November 7, 2011 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Public Comments: Mr. Tom Neiderer, from Health Sciences Division, is circulating a petition requesting the repeal of a portion of the Dream Act allowing financial aid to students that are not legal immigrants. Jo Buczko, from Special Services, announced that free flu shots will be offered to staff and students in the Quad for the next three days.

Standing/Ad Hoc Committee Reports: Student Conduct and Academic Integrity, Policy #4520 revisions were passed unanimously as were the revisions to Degrees, Certificates and Transfer Certificate, Policy # 4060.

Planning and Priorities Committee Report: The committee announced the creation of two task teams. Task Team 1, facilitated by Lynn Wright, will gather data on existing college models for schools, departments and divisions. Task Team 2, facilitated by Matt Jordan, will develop recommendations on maintaining Division Deans or implementing Department Chairs. Faculty and student input is welcomed in these committees.

Elections of Permanent Faculty to the Planning and Priorities Committee: The four permanent faculty representatives, elected by majority, to the Committee are Lauren Arenson, Salomon Davila, Rod Foster, and Katie Rodriguez. Alternates will be discussed at next the Senate meeting.

Revisions to Course Repetition Policy #4055: Revisions to this policy reflect changes in Title 5 passed by the State Board of Governors. President Martinez will forward the revised policy to the Senate Board via e-mail. The Senate Board will vote on this policy at its next meeting.

Reports from Executive Committee: Senate President, Edward Martinez announced three more degrees, in Business (AB1440), Administration of Justice (AB1440), and AA in Applied Health, have been sent to the Chancellor's Office for approval. President Martinez will e-mail the resolutions pertaining to the Chancellor's Student Success Task force, discussed at the Fall Plenary, to the Senate Board. Both Senate V.P. Dustin Hanvey and Treasurer Dan Haley encouraged faculty to provide feedback at the Chancellor's website on some of the controversial resolutions of the Task Force.

Realignment Discussion: Senators commented that forced realignment of Divisions would not succeed. It was reported that PAC approved of aligning Speech Communication with Journalism and Broadcasting. It was also reported that Dr Rocha told VAMS that their Dean "could be kept." The Health Sciences Senator advised that the Task Teams must understand discipline specific accreditation standards and guidelines pertaining to division chairs, their responsibilities, work hours, and release time.

Announcements: *The Three Doctors*, a Cross Cultural Center presentation, Nov 18, 3:30 pm, will be in the Creveling Lounge; Homecoming Lancer Week will end with the Homecoming Football Game on November 12; Workshop week, November 14-18, students can meet one-on-one with advisors and student mentors regarding financial aid, CTE certificates, and transfer degrees. The Queer Alliance is sponsoring a Transgender and Trans-Awareness Week, November 7-11.