



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 21, 2011 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Planning and Priorities Committee Report: Katie Rodriguez reported that task teams 1 and 2 are now operating and will report back to the committee. A campus Town Hall has been scheduled for Wed, 12/7 at 3pm in Creveling. The Deans' proposal was also shared at the Planning and Priorities Committee. Both Lynn Wright, facilitator for Task Team 1 (18+ members), and Matt Jordan, facilitator for Task Team 2 (30+ members), reported that no new faculty will be added to these teams.

Deans Realignment Proposal: Dean Dave Douglass, Dean Rick Hodge, and Dean Cynthia Olivo shared the deans' realignment proposal. The Deans were tasked with developing their vision based on the Executive model. Their matrix model was divided vertically into four schools: Humanities, STEM, Career and Continuing Education, and Arts, Design and Communication. These schools were connected horizontally by three outcome areas: Basic Skills, Certificate Technical Education, and Transfer Degrees. Finally, student "advocates" would drive programs, course completion, and student success across all disciplines and the college's service areas. The Library and Counseling were depicted as foundational to all other areas. The Deans emphasized that their proposed model was meant to add to the larger discussion on campus and was not to be interpreted as a finished product.

Executive Committee Recommendations: Lydia McDonald, Matt Henes, and Tomas Riojas were appointed to the Calendar Committee. Russell Difiori was designated as an "alternate" member of the Planning and Priority Committee.

Reports from Executive Committee: Senate President, Edward Martinez reported on the November 16 Board of Trustee Meeting at Arcadia High School where more information was requested by both Arcadia faculty and administration and, especially, Chinese parents. Redistricting Partners consulting group presented two redistricting plan options (posted on the Board of Trustee web site) with the greatest implications for District 3 (Berlinda Brown) and District 7 (Anthony Fellows). Action will be taken at the January meeting. Beverly Tate, Nika Hogan and Shelagh Rose were complimented for the inspiring Three Doctors presentation last Friday.

Professional Development Days: Matt Jordan, Assessment Coordinator, requested that the Academic Senate approve 2 Flexible Calendar days for the 2012-13 academic year. One of those days would be a Faculty Development day to be calendared on the first day of fall of 2012. The other "day" would be used as hours for attendance at professional development activities throughout the year.

Revisions to Course Repetition Policy #4055: Further revisions to this policy were suggested. The Senate Board will vote on this policy at its next meeting.

PCCFA Report: Contract negotiations and Realignment discussions will begin around January. Discussions concerning pay increases are not off the table.

Announcements: Fall semester grades are due on or before Tuesday, January 10, 2012.