



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.
March 26, 2012 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Planning & Priorities Committee/Realignment: Matt Jordan & Lynn Wright reported that on March 19th Task Teams 1 and 2 gave five presentations encompassing their work and research on structures at other institutions. The outcomes suggest that management structures do not significantly impact student success outcomes. Two groups have been formed from these teams: the first, to outline an interim plan for next year, the second to propose pilot programs as models for reorganization. On 4/5/12 this committee will discuss and possibly take action on the interim plan. 4/25/12 it will be presented to the College Counsel as an information item.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Pat Peach, Chairperson, stated the Senate election ballot deadline is April 3. Ballots may be placed in campus mail or deliver to C129. Platform statements were emailed to faculty and ballots were placed in faculty boxes last Thursday (3/22/12). In response to faculty interest, the committee organized a Candidates' Forum to be held March 29 in C333 from 12:00 to 1:00, a video recording of which will be posted online that evening.

Shared Governance: Martha Bonilla, Chairperson, reviewed updated language in hiring policy #6100 concerning transfers that would include a reference to section 5.8 in the contract and the composition of the five-person informal interview committee.

Executive Committee Recommendation: Senate Representatives voted to maintain the end of the year Academic Senate Breakfast.

Information Items: Senate Representatives voted to continue meetings in C233 (its present location). A vote will be held in the next Senate on a proposal for the Academic Senate to join California Aware, a non-profit organization that provides expert information on the Brown Act.

President's Report: President Ed Martinez reported that Jack Scott, during his visit, reminded us of the importance of advocating for California Community College funding by lobbying our state representatives whose names and contact information President Martinez has made available. The Board of Trustees held a Study Session (3/20/12) to initiate a discussion and planning process for the Facilities Master Plan for PCC's 100th Anniversary in 2024.

Announcements: Queer Alliance invited the literary troop "Sister Spit" to campus, who will perform and hold a student workshop, April 2, 7:30 pm, Creveling Lounge. C. Fennessy announced: 1) Associated Student Scholarship deadline is extended to March 30th; 2) Associated Students are co-hosting with Social Sciences writer John Perkins on April 10th, 7:00 pm, in the Creveling Lounge; 3) Associated Student election packets will be available April 2 to any student.