



# 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.

### May 14, 2012 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Announcements: J. Buczko announced that Student Health Services and the Cross Cultural Center have invited comedian Brian Wetzel to speak on clinical depression in a presentation entitled "That Voice In The Wilderness is Laughing" on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:15pm-1:15 in Creveling Lounge. President Martinez announced that the Senate will host a scholarship reception for nine Academic Senate Scholarship recipients on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 3:00 pm in C233.

Student Success Task Force Recommendations: Guest speaker, Lesley Kawaguchi, ASCCC Executive Committee Representative, Area C, reviewed key points of the Task Force's recommendations. She affirmed that the state wide Senate is concerned with local college responses to and local control in the following recommendations: **1.1**, jointly developed readiness standards with K-12; **2.1 & 2.2**, a centralized common assessment tool and ed. planning required for students; **2.4**, requiring students lacking college readiness to participate in counseling and education services (also pushes for State monies); **3.1**, adopt system wide enrollment priorities reflecting our core mission; **3.4**, require students to address basic skills needs in their first year (pre-requisites); **4.1**, course offerings and schedules that reflect students' needs; **5.1** and **8.3**, support innovations to and flexibility in delivery of basic skills curriculum (e.g., embedded curriculum).

Planning and Priorities Committee: Co-Chairs, Edward Martinez and Bob Miller, asked for a vote on the interim plan first presented on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Earlie Douglas presented a CIS faculty recommendation not reflected in the Interim Plan sent out to the faculty. Douglas proposed CIS (Computer Information Systems) move to CTE in order to better serve PCC students. CS's (Computer Science) move to Math would be unaffected. Other alterations to the plan included recommendations for permanent deans for Math and VAMS, and CEC reporting to the V.P of Instruction rather than the V.P. of Educational Services after July 1, 2013. After much discussion the Senate took nine separate votes on the committee's plan. Most of the Interim Plan passed with the alterations stated here. The structure of Business and E & T will be discussed in the next Senate with a vote possible.

Enrollment Management Committee: Edward Martinez & Bob Miller, co-chairs, began the second presentation of Policy 4020, Enrollment and Class scheduling priorities. Discussion began on section 2 that outlines the status of students and the registration priority they are given. An attempt was made to pass the policy without a full discussion, but it did not pass. The discussion was tabled until the next Senate, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Committee Recommendations: Brad Steed and Kerin Huber were appointed to the College Council's Health and Safety Committee. Lauren Arenson was appointed as the faculty co-chair of the College Council's Sustainability Standing Committee. Jessica Igoe was appointed to the Senate's Shared Governance Committee.