



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.

April 9, 2012 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Announcements: **A)** Mel Cohen announced the Foundation's support of student classes, establishing a student fund committed to paying for two sections at a cost of \$11,000, for this year and \$40,000 in the fall 2012. He asked faculty to support a foundation fund to provide more classes sections and promised the Foundation will match up to 50% of donations raised for the students' classes. Bobbie Abrams will be educating the community about the crisis here at PCC. Mr. Cohen would support the hire-back of retired faculty. Also, the Foundation would like to offer an off-campus luncheon to honor those faculty and classified staff who will be retiring this year and retirees from last year. **B)** A. C. Panella announced training sessions for Safe Zones that will provide faculty with allied training allowing for spaces to support vulnerable students whose needs are underserved on campus – specifically LGBT students and AB540 (Dream Act) students. Two training sessions focusing on various situations and crisis management are scheduled Friday, May 11, in Room GM103.

Planning & Priorities Committee/Realignment: Lynn Wright, Team Facilitator, reported a campus-wide e-mail was sent out Friday (4/6) on behalf of the P&P committee outlining the interim plans for division realignment. Please review the two proposals mentioned in the email. There will be a Town Hall to air concerns and on 4/24 at 12noon to 1:00pm in Creveling. Email feedback is being solicited and comments sent to Beverly Tillman will be forwarded to the committee. The next P&P Committee meeting will be on 4/30.

Professional Development Committee: Lynn Wright & Ben Lastimado, Co-Chairs, introduced a new policy #6030, the Comprehensive and Coordinated Professional Development Program in response to both the Board of Trustees priorities and the Educational Master Plan.

Calendar Committee: Co-Chairs, Krista Walter and V.P. Bob Bell, presented the 2012-2013 Calendar that includes two 16 week semesters with a Summer and Winter intercession. October 2nd has been identified as a Professional Development Day. The committee is not charged with voting on or considering a Trimester proposal.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Pattie Lynn announced and congratulated the newly elected Senate officers: President elect- Dustin Hanvey, Vice President elect- A.C. Panella, Treasurer- Dan Haley, Secretary elect- Jessica Igoe.

Shared Governance: Martha Bonilla, Chairperson, reviewed updated language in hiring policy #6100 concerning the timeline for division hiring requests and position ranking as well as new language for transfers issues. Both hiring policies #6100 (full-time) and #6150 (part-time) were approved. Suggestions for creating an open meeting with the finalist for all the campus community part in should be emailed to meboilla@pasadena.edu.

President's Report: President Ed Martinez gave a Spring Forward Initiative update. Fourteen sections have been added to accommodate 428 students dropped in the spring section reduction. Two or three faculty volunteers are being sought to participate with Trustees, students, and staff members in advocating in Sacramento on behalf of the college. Interested individuals may contact E. Martinez. The Board adopted resolution 486: In Support of Governor Brown's November ballot initiative.

Executive Committee Recommendation: Senate Representatives voted to approve joining California Aware for a fee of \$60.00 so as to remain informed on the Brown Act.

Information Items: V.P. B. Miller discussed Student Success Task Force Recommendations Alignment Activities. This document (dated 3/9/12) shows the college's progress and is being shared with the Senate and the College Council. Pathways are growing dramatically. PCC leads the state in the creation of transfer curriculum majors. In fall 2012, 800-1200 students will be placed on FYE Pathways with a 2-3 year completion plan.