



Senate Nanoseconds

What Faculty Need to Know

Academic Senate Nanoseconds: A summary of the January 28, 2013 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Institutional Effectiveness Policy 2560: First Read (Revision)

Presenters: Shelagh Rose and Cynthia Olivo: The Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC) is a college-wide group charged with the coordination and evaluation of institutional program review to determine the effectiveness of all programs, departments and units. The Committee has a heavy faculty presence and the process has been very collegial and extremely collaborative. Data on program, SLOs, student achievement, faculty, staff development and institutional support needs has been incorporated into the revised Policy.

Recommendations: Senate representatives were asked to bring the proposed policy to their divisions for review/discussion. A copy of this policy will be forwarded to the Senate representatives and through Monthly faculty e-mail distribution. This item is anticipated to be a voted on at the next Senate meeting.

Executive Committee Appointments:

Scholarship Committee: As Chair: Debra Bronstein; New Members: Gloria Horton, Andrea Murray, Peter Castro. **Faculty Hiring Priorities Committee:** Dorothy Potter, Katie Rodriguez, Danny Hamman, Charlene Potter, Derek Milne, Harry Bloodgood, Tom Berg, Terri Stoddard

Senate Executive Committee Reports:

The Governor's Proposed Budget Items include a state student unit cap of 90 units; after 90 units, the student would have to pay full cost; financial aid caps; some funding based on census taken at end of week 14; and higher funding for community colleges. The statewide Senate is in opposition to many of these proposals. **CAPM Updates** (Council on Academic and Professional Matters): PCC will remain on a 16-week calendar. There will not be an 18 or 17 week semester in the next academic year. **Ad Hoc Committee on Scheduling:** Committee to work on a campus move towards block scheduling. Current committee volunteers to be contacted followed by an "opening up" of campus-wide volunteer opportunities on the Committee. **Non-Smoking Campus Proposal:** The Associated Students have requested the Board of Trustees to look at making PCC a non-smoking campus. **Administrative Hiring:** Because of Senate concern about not being notified of the hiring of the new campus Police Chief, the Executive Committee stressed the need to be notified of any future administrative hiring processes. Administrative hiring questions/concerns may be e-mailed to Vice President Bob Miller. **Vice-President A.C. Panella** is visiting divisions/areas to review Senate goals, committees and major policies. **Treasurer Dan Haley** thanked the Senate Board for their concern and support

Information Items

1. **Ad hoc Scheduling Committee Update:** The Committee's charge is to work on moving towards block scheduling. D. Hanvey to contact current volunteers. The volunteer process will then be opened up campus-wide. **Recommendations:** Volunteers should include staff involved with the "rooms" i.e., division secretaries, facilities, etc. Contact each division regarding curriculum and equipment needs.
2. **Senate Bylaws Committee Membership Deadline:** Volunteer recommendations may be submitted to the Academic Senate Office, by or before Thursday, February 7, 4:30 pm, to Rm. C227 or dahanvey@pasadena.edu.
3. **Senate Calendar Committee:** Discussion was received largely in support of reinstating the Senate Calendar Committee. The Committee would review and give input into the entire District Calendar or only the larger issues pertaining to the District Calendar. Clarity on the process is needed. **Recommendation:** Discuss committee reactivation and the committee's charge at the next Senate meeting.
4. **Senate Representation on Campus Committees/Schools Model:** Under-representation needs to be addressed. The **Planning & Priorities Committee** has unanimously decided there would be one representative on the Committee from each of the "four schools". **Academic Senate Board:** According to the current Senate's Bylaws, approximately seven areas (in bold) are entitled to another seat: Full-time representative numbers are in parentheses. **Business** (2); **CEC** (1); **Counseling** (2); **Engineering** (1); **English**(3); **Health Sciences**(2); **Kinesiology**(1); **Languages**(2); **Library**(1); **Mathematics**(3); **Natural Sciences**(3); **Performing & Communication Arts**(2); **Social Sciences**(3); **Student Health Services**(1); **Visual Arts and Media Studies**(2).

PCCFA Report:

Next mediation date is February 12. If an agreement is not reached between the District and PCC FA, the mediator will certify this process for fact-finding.

Announcements

1. Hector Tobar Talk: April 2, 2013 12PM-1:30PM Creveling Lounge.
2. Statewide Senate Plenary: San Francisco: April 17-20, 2013.