



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.

September 24, 2011 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Public Comment—Classified Senate President, Debra Cantarero and Vice President Carole Robinson requested Academic Senate and division support in following the appropriate process of making classified appointments to various campus and hiring committees by going through the Classified Senate for all appointments.

Calendar Committee Report—V.P. Bell and Krista Walter raised concerns about the need for additional faculty representation on the Calendar committee and the need to clarify the structure of the summer intersession.

Discussions for Possible Future Action— Long time Equivalency Committee member Susie Ling proposed adopting a memo that would clarify the equivalency process for new division deans and/or potential candidates without a master's degree. Susie Ling also proposed a voluntary +/- grading policy that would allow individual faculty members to decide whether or not to use + and – in their courses. A working group is being formed to research the pros and cons of +/- grading and the possible effects on student transcripts. This group will report back to the Senate for a full discussion and possible future action.

Executive Committee Recommendations—Matthew Jordon, Shelly Gaskin and Krista Goguen were appointed to the Hiring Committee for CTE dean; Rod Foster and Elaine Fong were appointed to the Hiring Committee for Dean of Faculty leaving one open faculty position on that committee; Katie Rodriguez was appointed as the faculty co-chair on the Professional Development Oversight Committee. Concerns were raised regarding how summer appointments are decided by the Senate Executive Committee and may require further discussion.

Senate President's Report— Terri Hampton has been appointed the new Executive Director of Human Resources; 4 policies passed by the Senate last academic year are being presented at the October 3rd Board meeting (Policy 4020 on enrollment priorities, Policy 4520 on student conduct, Policy 6100 on full time faculty hiring and Policy 6150 on part time faculty hiring)

Announcements—Professional Development Day is October 2nd and all full time faculty are expected to attend. Part time faculty that normally teach on Tuesdays are expected to attend during their normal teaching hours. Faculty members should sign up for workshops and sign in sheets will be forwarded to Dr. Bell and division deans. October 2nd will be a regular workday for classified staff. The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Fall Plenary Session is November 8-10 at the Irvine Marriott and PCC will be represented by our Senate Executive Committee. The next Academic Senate meeting will be October 8.