



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.

October 22, 2012 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Accreditation Policy— Jessica Igoe briefly introduced a draft of the updated Accreditation Policy. The policy would address changes made to the California Accreditation process and makes the Planning and Priorities Committee central in PCC's accreditation self-study process. The policy will be discussed further in the next Senate meeting after senators have the opportunity to read through the policy draft.

Grade/Success Data Discussions— Susie Ling presented data indicating the lower success rates of underrepresented students at PCC. Several suggestions and questions were raised about how to address this significant difference in success rates. Senators were asked to start a discussion on how to address this issue in their respective divisions and future discussions will look for ways to integrate efforts across campus.

Class Auditing Discussions—Tad Carpenter and Jim Arnwine presented on the issue of class auditing in music classes. Because of recent restrictions in the course repeatability policy, students are limited in how many times they can enroll in music performance classes to the detriment of both the student's development and the performance group as a whole. The Education Policy Committee decided against an auditing policy in the past but will take the issue up again in response to the recent policy changes. Faculty interested in serving on the Education Policy Committee should send an email to president Hanvey.

Shared Governance Survey— A faculty survey was proposed after discussions in previous senate meetings about the need for a statement from the Senate on the process by which the calendar was changed. After revision and editing by the senate, a survey was approved and will be sent to all faculty members. The results of this survey will be used to craft a statement that represents the faculty on this issue during the next board meeting.

Committee Appointments— Amy Cheung, Harry Bloodgood and Carol Curtis were appointed to the Dean of International Education Hiring Committee after a vote by the Senate. Yoshiko Yamato and David Uranga were appointed to the ATAC (Technology) Committee. Bianca Richards was appointed to the Financial Aid Interviewer Hiring Committee. Catrelia Magee was appointed to the Facilities Painter Hiring Committee. Deb Folsom was appointed as the co-chair of the Ad Hoc Plus-Minus Grading Study Committee.

Announcements— A forum will be held on Thursday November 15 from 12-2 on the Carnegie hour. The Wellness Center is being set up in the basement of the L building and the wellness program at PCC offers online training for faculty and staff along with other resources. The first Wellness Fair will be November 27th from 10am-2pm. The next Senate meeting will be November 5, 2012 at 3pm in Circadian.