



# Senate Nanoseconds

## What Faculty Need to Know

Academic Senate Nanoseconds: A summary of the February 11, 2013 Academic Senate Board Meeting

### **Institutional Effectiveness Policy 2560: Second Read (Revision)**

Shelagh Rose presented the revised Institutional Effectiveness Policy for Senate discussion. The Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC) is a college-wide group charged with the coordination and evaluation of institutional program review including instructional, student services and administrative programs. Data on program, SLOs, student achievement, faculty/staff development and institutional support needs has been incorporated into the revised Policy. Concerns were raised about the makeup of the IEC membership, the specific charge of the IEC and the language in the proposed policy. The discussion was tabled to allow Senate representatives to discuss the policy with their Divisions and make specific recommendations to Shelagh Rose or Cynthia Olivo about the policy. This topic will be resumed and could be up for a vote at the next Academic Senate Meeting.

### **Auditing of Classes Policy 4021: First Read**

Tad Carpenter presented a policy that would allow students to audit a course at the instructor's discretion if there are unfilled seats. He argued that Performing and Communication Arts courses and Kinesiology courses have been adversely affected by the repeatability limits whereby students are unable to continue in their rehearsal/practice schedule and the class suffers from a lack of diversity in expertise and experience. While the policy states that auditors are allowed only at the discretion of the instructor, there were questions about the instructor's role with an auditing student. Senate representatives were asked to discuss the policy with their Divisions and forward any suggestions to Tad Carpenter. This policy could be up for a vote at the next Academic Senate Meeting.

### **Administrative Hiring Discussion:**

Vice President Miller and Executive Director of Human Resources Terri Hampton addressed concerns about the hiring process for the new Police Chief. They explained that the new Chief was hired from the pool accumulated last year under a shared-governance hiring committee and the process was approved by HR and was in-line with Title V regulations. Senators raised concerns regarding the process and how long a hiring pool could be used. The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate expressed that the original hiring committee should have been reconvened to approve the use of the pool and the candidate.

### **Executive Committee Appointments:**

Ad Hoc Committee on Scheduling: Rita D'Amico, Phillip Richards, Myriam Altounji, Claudia von Corva and Carrie Starbird  
Paul Jarrell as the Chair for the Ad Hoc Committee on Scheduling  
Human Resources Hiring Committee: Shelagh Rose, Yolanda McKay and Bill Moore  
Facilities Committee: Lori Gagliardi  
Faculty Hiring Committee: Earlie Douglas and Martha Bonilla

### **Senate Executive Committee Reports:**

The Senate Scholarship awards ceremony may be moved to a ceremony at the Board of Trustees' meeting in April. Information from the Academic Senate of California and Association of Community Colleges and Junior Colleges indicates that while PCC has made progress in 3 out of 4 areas, we need to address strategic planning and shared governance. The Senate can facilitate this by moving through the bylaws revision process quickly and addressing integrated planning and program review in the future. The Senate will sponsor a series of "Famous Last Words" lectures for retiring faculty and those interested should contact their Senator or the Senate office.

### **Information Items**

1. Sandy Haynes from Visual Arts and Media Studies has won the prestigious Hayward Award from the Statewide Academic Senate. Congratulations to Sandy!
2. The PCCFA reported that there was a scheduled mediation meeting on February 12.
3. The Senate Breakfast is scheduled for May 3, 7:30-9:30 am.
4. Hector Tobar Talk: April 2, 12:00-1:30, Creveling
5. Statewide Senate Plenary: San Francisco: April 17-20