



Senate Nanoseconds

What Faculty Need to Know

A Summary of the 12 January 2015 Senate Board Meeting

Academic Senate President's 2015 Opening Remarks

President Cairó congratulated the Academic Senate for remaining strong despite the number of difficult tasks it faced last semester. Senators were encouraged to remain attentive and collegial at Senate Board meetings.

Standing/Ad Hoc/Campus-Wide Committee Reports

1. Student Equity Committee Report Presentation – Dr. C. Olivo presented a Student Equity Committee report identifying areas of student equity gaps. Once approved through shared governance process, the report will be submitted to the Chancellor's office. After discussion, the Senate Board decided not to vote on the report pending further review/ input on a revised/final document.

Executive Committee Recommendations

1. Voted to approve James Aragon (Counseling) to serve on Academic Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Hiring Issues and Priorities.
2. Voted to approve Sarah Barker (VPCA), Shelley Gaskin (Business), Rhea Presiado (Science and Math) to serve on Academic Senate Committee on Committees. Recommend that tasks for this committee be forwarded to Senate Executive Committee for discussion at future Senate Board meeting.
3. Voted to approve (by written vote) Susan Bower (Natural Sciences) and Sonya Valentine (Natural Sciences) to serve on Department Laboratory Technician III Hiring Committee.

Information Items (with possible action taken)

1. Senate Bylaws Article 5.1 passed with accepted proposed changes. Announcement of new Bylaws Committee Chair: Y. McKay.
2. L. Arenson, Chair of Senate DE Committee, presented Office Hours Policy for DE Instructors and Course-Load for Full-Time DE Faculty Policy. Both policies passed.

Information Items (no action taken)

1. Minority Report - President E. A. Cairó presented the Minority Report required by ACCJC. The report explained the process that resulted in Senate Board's decision recommending that Senate President not sign the accreditation report. Report will be sent to the ACCJC and emailed to the campus at large.
2. Senate Bylaws revision re: authority of Senate Board President – President E. A. Cairó tasked Bylaws Committee to review and prepare revised draft of Senate Bylaws to clarify President's authority in signing documents without a Senate vote.
3. Administrative Hires/HR Problems/Realignment – Vice President K. Pilon reported on concerns regarding realignment process and college's organization chart. After discussion, President E. A. Cairó will resubmit to Administration Senate's Resolution Opposing Realignment, passed 9 June 2014.
4. Board Bylaw 2431: Presidential Screening Committee – Discussion regarding Senate Resolution addressing new Board Bylaw regarding composition of Presidential Screening Committee. Recommendations/reasons for increasing faculty numbers should be forwarded to Senate office.
5. Replacement of IEC faculty Co-Chair (handout provided) - IEC Committee member T. Stoddard reported on IEC Committee's request that a new chair not be selected until Fall, 2015, a request supported by the Senate Executive Committee as reported by President E. A. Cairó. Senate Bylaws Committee tasked to consult bylaws and to consider whether or not Senate President or the committee should have the authority to make appointments to this position.
6. Management Reports at Senate Board meetings – Discussion to include Management Reports; this item to be scheduled on next Senate Agenda as an information item/with possible action taken.

7. IPRO Requests and EEO Training – President E. A. Cairó reported that HR has released data on employees currently EEO trained and that currently serving hiring committee members without EEO training could remain on their committees.

8. Jaime Escalante Project – Dr. Christopher Jimenez y West provided an Audio/Visual Presentation highlighting interviews with former students of former PCC alum Jaime Escalante. The Jaime Escalante Project will be exhibited in the Circadian from March 5 through April 10. Senators were encouraged to have their classes attend.

9. The following information items will be rescheduled for 26 January 2015 Senate Board meeting: Bylaws revision regarding adjunct faculty members; shared governance violation of NCN's; Rosemead Substantive Change Report; Proposed Spring 2015 Senate Board Goals; Senate Breakfast

Executive Committee Reports

1. President E. A. Cairó requested that Senators' comments on and suggested revisions to Board of Trustees' policies be forwarded before 26 January 2015 Senate Board meeting; reported that the first ACCJC meeting will be held the first week in March and that a 30 minute pre-visit meeting will be attended by President E. A. Cairó. Academic Senate will be forwarded upcoming ASCCC institute dates and Minority Report will be sent to all faculty.

2. Vice President K. Pilon – No report

3. Secretary P. Rose – No report

4. Treasurer M. Perea – Provided copies of Rosemead Substantive Change Report and requested that Senators review report for input and approval at 26 January 2015 Senate Board meeting.

Standing Information Items

1. PCCFA – President J. Kiotas reported that a written counter-offer will be presented in writing on 13 January 2015.

2. Adjunct Faculty – No report

3. Classified Senate – No report

Announcements

2015 EEO Training Dates: 1/30/15; 2/18/15/ - RSVP/Event Brite