



Senate Nanoseconds

What Faculty Need to Know

23 March 2015

Standing/Ad Hoc/Campus-Wide Committee Reports

1. Faculty Development Committee – Chair P. Rose reported that Academic Support-Academic Senate funding for faculty requests/proposals for professional development activities has been approved through 30 June. Applications/forms will be posted on Academic Senate homepage.
2. Ad Hoc Senate Breakfast Committee – K. Pilon volunteered to coordinate a silent auction of fine art prints to help defray expenses. An off-campus event is tentatively planned to replace the annual breakfast. At least one complimentary ticket could be provided for every 9-10 tickets sold. Senators are asked to consult with their peers for faculty interest and input.
3. Sabbatical Leave Committee – Chair P. Peach explained that this committee is a negotiated item in the faculty contract and is approved by the Board of Trustees, the committee process in selecting faculty applications for sabbatical and the 3 types of sabbaticals available: for study, for research, and for travel.
4. Committee on Committees – Chair S. Barker gave a detailed power point presentation of Academic Senate Committee listings. Committee recommendations were listed in the power point. Recommended that committee chairs receive web site posting instructions for agendas/minutes.
5. Ad Hoc Hiring Issues Committee Presentation – Chair M. Michelson reported on recent problems with HR and hiring committees. Recommended to agendize this item for next meeting and to invite HR to attend.
6. Academic Senate Nominations and Elections Committee – G. Horton reported that election ballots were delivered last Thursday. Duplicate ballots may be requested for pick-up from the Academic Senate office and a signed and dated receipt form will be required.

Executive Committee Recommendations

1. Approved M. Perea (English) and P. Rose (English) to serve on the College Council Professional Development Committee.
2. Approved K. Pilon (CTE) to serve on Committee on Committees.
3. Approved J. Encinas (Math) to serve on Educational Policies Committee.
4. Approved R. Lee and L. Burruss (VMPA) to serve on Academic Computer and Technology Standing Committee.
5. Approved M. E. Crook (Languages) and D. Cuatt (CTE) to serve on the Enrollment Management Committee (BSI Rep).
6. Approved M. Whitworth to serve on Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics.

Information Items (with possible action taken)

1. Resolution to Adhere to AP 3430 Prohibition of Harassment passed.

Information Items (no action taken)

1. Accreditation Update – Dr. K. Scott reported that Accreditation Team commended PCC on its excellent learning environment, dynamic programs, and vibrant campus community. Areas of concern identified by the Accreditation Team: Shared Governance; Ethics; SLO evaluation; comprehensive coordinated professional development program for all personnel; planning and processes and program review; the need for conversation from faculty regarding administrative concerns. Accreditation Team will return one year from July for follow-up to its “Possible Recommendations”: #1 thru #7.

2. College Council Academic Computer & Technology Standing Committee – Co-Chair Mark Sakata reported this committee’s primary goal is to support Educational Master Plan and its focus this year will be the Technology Master Plan. This committee needs volunteers; volunteers may apply through the Senate’s online committee volunteer drop-down menu.
3. Health Sciences Substantive Report – M. Perea provided handout for Senate review and input in preparation to vote on this item at next Senate meeting.
4. Resolution on Repeatability of Courses – M. E. Crook reported that inability to repeat courses has negatively affected a number of areas and programs since the 2012 ASCCC recommendation that repeatability of courses be discontinued. This document addresses Title V regulations pertaining to lack of repeatability in various areas. Requests Senate review and input.

Information Items on Policies and Procedures on sexual and other assaults on campus BP 3540 and AP 3540 and faculty representatives for Realignment Evaluation Process to be addressed at next Senate Meeting.

Announcements

1. 2015 ASCCC Spring Plenary Session: April 9-11, Westin SF