



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 14, 2015 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Guests/Announcements: A) President Rajen Vurdien announced that PCC continues to be a leader in the number of degrees earned by minority students. He also announced that PCC has been placed on probationary status from ACCJC and encouraged faculty, staff, and administration to work together in a harmonious and respectful way to meet the accreditation recommendations. B) Kris McPeak, Director of Operations, Foundation, discussed the revised PCC Foundation Grants application process. Applications are accepted September 11-September 25.

Adjunct Representation on the Academic Senate: Eduardo Cairo proposed a motion from that floor that "The Senate recognizes that a Senate Board vote is valid and binding until and unless the Senate Board votes otherwise. Therefore the five adjunct reps will remain seated and all other votes by the Senate shall remain in place." This motion made to specifically address the addition of four adjunct Senators during the 2014-15 academic year. President Valerie Foster expressed concern that the Senate bylaws are being violated because, even though the Senate added the adjunct representatives, they did not amend the bylaws which currently only allow for one adjunct representative. President Foster referenced an email from David Morse, President of the Academic Senate for California Community College, which states that if the Senate's bylaws do not include adjunct membership then the adjuncts should probably not vote as it would violate its bylaws. President Foster explained that she supported adding the adjunct representatives but wanted to formally amend the bylaws first. The body approved Mr. Cairo's motion and agreed to keep the additional representatives without first amending the bylaws. President Foster asked the bylaws committee to review the section addressing adjunct representation and bring forward a recommendation at a future meeting.

Executive Committee Appointments:

Rank Committee: Saeed Abedzadeh (chair), Ali Amouzegar; EEO Committee: Christopher Jimenez y West; Shared Governance Calendar Committee: Tracy Sachtjen; Dean, Counseling and Student Success Services Hiring Committee: Harry Bloodgood, Hillina Jarso, James Argon, Amy Cheung; Bookstore Committee: Shelly Gaskin, Stephanie Schmidt; Food Service Advisory Committee: Steve Gates, Stephanie Schmidt; Parking Committee: Teri Trendler, Saeed Abedzadeh; Lobby Fee Fund Committee: Ivette Rosas; Student Services Fund Board: Judy Ohye

Accreditation Update: Stephanie Fleming presented information on the current recommendations and probationary status. She explained that ACCJC has recently revised the standards but PCC will be addressing the older standards while working on the recommendations. More information can be found at the [PCC Accreditation Website](#).

Board Policy & Administrative Procedures 3540: Sexual and Other Assaults on Campus: The Board reviewed and approved this policy and procedure.

Integrated Planning and Budgeting Model: Dr. Ryan Cornner presented the first read of a new integrated planning model which would address one of the current accreditation recommendations. Some recommendations to increase the role of the Academic Senate were included. Some members had questions regarding the timeline and revision process. Faculty may continue to provide feedback via the link sent out by President Foster.

2015-2018 Strategic Plan: Dr. Ryan Cornner presented a first read of the three-year strategic plan for review. He explained the need for the plan to help set goals. Some suggestions for clarity were given and faculty may continue to provide feedback via the link sent out by President Foster.

Information Items:

1. PCCFA: President Julie Kiotis accounted that the FA won an arbitration verdict regarding normal closing numbers for Social Sciences. The FA is currently negotiating the numbers. Additionally, the PERB decision regarding the winter intersession was upheld.
2. Adjunct Faculty: Mark Dodge asked the Senate Executive Committee to request that the administration continue to fund the adjunct senators and to request that the state academic senate address the issue of adjunct proportion on senates.
3. President's Report: A) President Valerie Foster addressed the need for the Senate to address participation in assessment because ACCJC has placed PCC on enhanced monitoring. She announced the approval and compensation for assessment leads. B) President Foster informed the body that the PD Coordinator position was not currently being funded because it would cost nearly \$200,000, more than 60% of the entire campus PD budget. Leslie Tirapelle, Dean of Library, will currently fill the role.