



# 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 12, 2015 Academic Senate Board Meeting

### Executive Committee Appointments:

Dean, Special Services Hiring Committee: Jo Buczko, Richard Beyer, Rosemarie Cervantes, Ricardo Castillo; Police Chief Hiring Committee: James Aragon, Christopher Jimenez y West; Learning Assessment Committee: Walter Butler; Academic Senate Bylaws Committee: Mark Dodge; Faculty Development Committee: Ken Simon; Faculty Hiring Priorities Committee: Deena Capparelli, Michelle Ingram, Andrea Lane; Scholarship Committee: Xiadon Leng (chair); CTE Committee: Lynell Wiggins (chair); Distance Education Committee: Maria Faccuseh, Katie Datko, Rhea Presiado (co-chair), Sharon Bober (co-chair), Asher Shamam (co-chair); Shared Governance Enrollment Management Committee: Lola Marie McClendon (co-chair)

Learning Assessment Committee: Chair Melissa Anderson reported that the LAC is currently working on a revising of the annual assessment process and developing training materials. Professor Anderson communicated the desire for the LAC to collaborate with the Curriculum and Instruction Committee and the Institutional Effectiveness Committee.

Academic Senate Faculty Development Committee: Chair Susan Bower presented the updated Faculty Travel Request Application and Process for a second read. Changes include the per diem increasing to \$41 per day and the amount required for Board approval increasing to \$2500. The new application and process were approved unanimously by the Senate Board.

BSI Report: Professor Linda Hintzman presented the second read of the BSI Report and highlighted the revisions made based on Senate feedback. The Senate Board approved the document. Questions regarding BSI should be directed to [lbhintzman@pasadena.edu](mailto:lbhintzman@pasadena.edu).

Board Policy 5170 Management Evaluation: Dean Futtner presented revisions to the Board Policy that details the evaluation of management. This is an information item for the Senate and Dean Futtner highlighted that faculty have been added to the management evaluation process. After review by the constituency groups, the policy will be forwarded to College Council.

Credit SSSP Plan: Dean Duran presented the Credit SSSP Plan to the Senate Board for a first read and highlighted that the difference between this year's and last year's SSSP plan is accountability. President Foster has emailed faculty with a link to the document so that feedback can be incorporated before the Senate's second read on October 26. Questions and suggestions should be directed to [cdolivo@pasadena.edu](mailto:cdolivo@pasadena.edu) or [axduran@pasadena.edu](mailto:axduran@pasadena.edu).

2016-2017 Academic Calendar: Shared Governance Calendar Committee member Loknath Persuad presented a draft of the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar that includes the addition of Winter Intersession. The Senate discussed the inclusion of FLEX Days. This discussion included the need to explore the use of a flexible calendar that did not use instruction days. A second reading will occur at the next Senate Board meeting.

New Faculty Orientation: Coordinators Boglarka Kiss, Shannon Johnson and Shelagh Rose gave a brief presentation regarding the role of the coordinators and the curriculum and agenda used for the current New Faculty Orientation. A lengthy discussion occurred after the presentations concerning a list of approved topics addressed by the Senate last spring. There was disagreement expressed regarding whether the coordinators could cover additional topics or if they were limited to this list. Questions and comments also addressed if the coordinators were provided this list, the length of the seminar, and the role of the Senate in this process.