



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.

November 9, 2015 Academic Senate Board Meeting

Executive Committee Appointments:

Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Mariela Baldo, Susan Hunkins (alternate); EEO Committee: Cecilia Medina; ad hoc HR process for reassignment positions committee: Manny Perea, Shelagh Rose.

Committee Reports:

1. Committee on Committees

Treasure Jay Cho presented several recommendations from the Committee on Committees including revision to the committee's Mission Statement; creation of an online Canvas Module for Brown Act compliance and web page training for (all) Committee Chairs; Developing a clear definition of the committee chair duties (from either the Senate Board or the Bylaws Committee); committee web page template.

Equity Plan

Dr. Cynthia Olivo, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, presented the Equity Plan to the Academic Senate for a second read. Several additional suggestions were made to improve the document. Dr Olivo will incorporate these changes and bring the plan for a third read at the next Academic Senate Board meeting. The draft of the plan is accessible at www.pasadena.edu/studentequity.

Academic Senate Awards

In an effort to increase collegiality and participation, the Senate approved two new awards: The Ralph Story Award for Adjuncts and The President's "10+1" Award.

College Organizational Structure

The Executive Committee presented a second read of a resolution to communicate the faculty position on the college's organization structure. This resolution was based on Senator feedback after discussions with the faculty in their respective areas. The Board approved the resolution and the Executive Committee will present it to President Vurdien at the next CAPM meeting. .

Board Policy and Administrative Procedures

Professor Rogacs, the co-chair for the accreditation working group addressing shared governance, presented Board Policy 3000: Shared Governance and Administrative Procedure 3001: Faculty Role in Shared Governance to the Senate for a second review. She also presented sample language for previous recommended revisions.

Non-Credit SSSP Plan

Associate Dean Alice Meacom presented the plan for a first read. After discussion, the Senate approved the document because of the need to submit the plan to the Chancellor's Office by the November 20th deadline.

Senate Goals

Secretary Shelagh Rose presented the Executive Committee's recommended Senate goals for the 2015-16 Academic year. These goals were developed at the Senate retreat prior to the start of the year. Several suggestions were made including the inclusion of a goal pertaining to collegiality and another relating to accreditation. Secretary Rose will incorporate the revisions and bring the goals back to the Senate at its next Board meeting.

Information Items:

1. President Valerie Foster provided an update from the ASCCC Fall Plenary and the resolutions that had been voted on at the business meeting. She had previously emailed the faculty for input and updated the group on the status of their concerns.
2. Vice President Shelagh Rose informed the Board of the newest model transfer curriculum approved by the state of California.
3. Secretary Stephanie Fleming discussed the recent developments regarding votes of no confidence made by various stated groups for the Accrediting Commission for California and Junior Colleges.
4. Treasure Jay Cho discussed the reduction in Senate funds due to the number of recent retirements and asked faculty to consider contributing to the Senate General Fund.
5. PCCFA representative Rod Foster discussed the MOUs currently being developed by the union.