



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 2, 2015 Special Meeting of the Academic Senate Board

Equity Plan

Dr. Cynthia Olivo, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, presented the Equity Plan to the Academic Senate for a first read. She highlighted areas in the report that addressed the equity gaps that impact PCC student and the possible reasons why African American and Latino students have completion numbers that are lower than the college average. Several suggestions were made to improve the document. Dr Olivo will incorporate these changes and bring the plan for a second read at the next Academic Senate Board meeting. The draft of the plan is accessible at www.pasadena.edu/studentequity.

College Organizational Structure

At the last Board meeting, the group agreed that the Senate would draft a resolution that communicated to the Board and administration the faculty's desires regarding the college's organizational structure. Senators were asked to solicit feedback from the faculty in their areas and the Executive Committee drafted the resolution based on this feedback. The resolution was discussed as a first read and the Executive Committee will incorporate the additional feedback from the conversation and bring it to the group at the next Board meeting.

Academic Senate Bylaws

The Senate continued its discussion of Article 3.1 and its description of the Senate's adjunct representation. Dr. Foster suggested that the number of adjunct Senators be increased and had asked the Bylaws committee to revisit the Article. Senators made several more suggestions for revisions and the Bylaws committee was asked to meet and address these suggestions before the next Senate Board 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 review. One suggestion was made to stipulate that the Board provide a written justification when their decisions differ from faculty recommendations on items of Academic and Professional matters. Professor Rogacs will incorporate the feedback and present the revisions at the next Senate Board meeting.

Academic Senate Awards

In an effort to increase collegiality and participation, the Senate discussed proposals for two new awards. Professor Ireland Galman presented a proposal for a Ralph Story Award for Adjuncts and Dr. Foster presented a proposal for the A.S. President's "10+1" Award. Both proposals will be discussed at the next Academic Senate Board meeting.