1. Chris McCabe of the English division addressed the Senate about a concern he has about a proposed change in the Disciplines List that would add a new discipline of creative writing. Under the proposal only those faculty members with an MFA or an MA with a specialty in creative writing would be eligible to teach that discipline. This would be a change from the current English requirements that favor generalists.

2. **Vocational Education Committee** – Shelley Gaskin presented two goals for her committee: 1. to develop a policy for vocational program reduction, and 2. to standardize the process by which a student applies for and receives a vocational certificate. Data and input are being gathered for both.

3. **Faculty Development Committee** - Chuck Ward presented information for four workshops on the following topics and dates: Using Rubrics 3/29, A Curriculum Refresher 4/10, SLO Assessment 5/3, and Online Instruction 5/15. Announcements are posted in the faculty announcements. Bring your lunch; beverages and desserts are provided. Chuck also announced that the On Course Workshop is available free for all faculty members to attend. It will be held April 26-28 at the Altadena County Club. For more information contact Chuck at Ext 7012.

4. **Calendar Committee** – Dorothy Potter provided a report that gave a summary of faculty comments on the compressed calendar and committee recommendations based upon the results of the survey. The majority of faculty believes that the compressed calendar is accomplishing what it intended (52.1%) and is satisfied with the new calendar (54.4%). A significant minority holds contrary opinions (23-25%). The survey, available in the Senate office, also provides a list of general observations and comments by faculty members. The major recommendation made by the committee called for more consistent scheduling of classes in terms of start and end times.

5. **Distance Education** – Alicia Vargas again presented definitions of “online”, “hybrid”, “web-enhanced”, and “ITV” courses. The definitions were formally adopted by the Senate and will be sent to the College Coordinating Council.

6. **Educational Policies Committee** – President Dabelow reported for Jim Bickley. She asked all Senate representatives to share the proposed definitions on academic dishonesty and cheating with faculty and be prepared to vote in the near future on a formal adoption of the definitions.

7. **Executive Committee** – Treasurer Ahni Armstrong presented a recommendation adopted by the Senate Board that the fee for attendance at the end-of-year Senate Breakfast for retirees be increased from $10 to $15. Ahni explained that any difference between the actual cost of the food served and the cost of the ticket would be applied to the Senate’s general fund. The Senate is struggling with its general fund of about $9000. Ahni also urged all Senate Board representatives to contribute to either the scholarship fund or the general fund through a monthly payroll deduction that is tax-deductible. Edward Martinez announced that the Ad Hoc Committee on Release Time continues to meet. President Dabelow announced that the Senate has received a draft of proposed changes to Title V currently in discussion between the ASCCC and the Board of Governors. Included in the draft is a restoration of PCC’s previous practice of permitting the calculation of “good” grades in place of substandard grades even after two attempts. The following Executive Committee recommendations were all approved: 1. Appoint Patricia Lynn to Ad Hoc Reassigned Time Committee 2. Creation of Ad Hoc Academic Senate SLO Committee. 3. Appoint Carol Curtis to Accreditation Steering Committee 4. Appoint Yu-Chung Chang, Joe Conner, Janis Dwyer, Michele Ingram, Mike McClellan, Chuck Ward and Yoshi Yamato to the Matriculation Committee. 5. Appoint Wayne Houlihan to the hiring committee for the laboratory aide in Auto Technology.

8. **Announcements** – Edward Martinez shared with the Senate Board a document from the Chancellor’s Office in which the chancellor announces that he has been directed by the Board of Governors to “begin the process of evaluating the implementation of a system-wide uniform, common assessment with multiple measures of all community college students…” This means that common tests in English and Math may be developed for use by all community colleges for determining initial placement in those courses. This would be a significant departure from our current practice of permitting each school to determine which test it will use and where to set cut-off scores. President Dabelow indicated that the ASCCC Executive Committee has formed a resolution to address the BOG request. She also asked faculty to consider volunteering to participate in one of the several writing groups that are being created for the purpose of responding to the new accreditation standards, especially as they pertain to SLOs. She will provide more information on this in the near future. Carol Curtis announced that the C&I Committee continues to review and make changes to the Distance Education forms and to WebCMS. Joe Connor announced a forum on Intellectual Property Rights to take place on Thursday, 3/29 at 5pm at the Hilton Pasadena. Reservations are required; contact Joe at Ext. 7163.