Senate Seconds 3/12/2007

1. **CTA Report** – Roger Marheine spoke to the Academic Senate Board about issues that have developed on the part of the affiliation with the statewide CTA. The state CTA has threatened to put the local union under receivership or trusteeship if the local refuses to raise yearly dues from the current rate of 1% of gross salary to a flat rate for full time faculty of $1290. Roger reports that at the present time the local union sends about $250,000 to the state organization. A ballot sent out to all faculty is for the purpose of asking faculty opinion as to whether faculty members prefer to: a. agree to raise rate to comply with state CTA requests, b. continue with current rate structure and allow state CTA to initiate receivership if they wish, or c. state an opinion for another option.

2. **Calendar Committee** – Dorothy Potter addressed the Senate Board to ask for a decision on the calendar for 2008-2009. After discussion and debate a majority of the Senate Board voted for draft #2. Discussion also took place on the best day of the week for a Flex Day. The majority voted to have the spring 2009 Flex Day on a Wednesday.

3. **Distance Education Committee** - Alicia Vargas informed the Academic Senate that the school is moving from WebCT version 4.1 to version 6.0. Version 4.1 will be discontinued at the end of this semester. The committee is in the process of developing a website to inform faculty of changes in the on-line delivery of classes. Alicia also provided a list of recommended definitions of modality for use by the Curriculum and Instruction Committee. The list included formal definitions of Online, Hybrid, Web-enhanced, and ITV courses. Faculty representatives were asked to share the new definitions with members of their divisions and be prepared to vote on adoption of the definitions at the next meeting. Alicia also mentioned that evaluation of on-line teaching is in development.

4. **Elections Committee** – The following nominations for Academic Senate Officers have been received: President – Kay Dabelow, Vice President – Jim Bickley, Secretary – Edward Martinez, Treasurer – Ahni Armstrong. Parliamentarian Mark Dodge presided in the absence of Committee Chair Pat Peach and declared the nominations closed. There were no nominations from the floor. Ballots will be sent out to all faculty.

5. **Executive Committee Recommendations**: Ratify appointment of Sara Miranda to replace Ivette Rosas on the Academic Senate Scholarship Committee. Unanimously approved. Sent to Vocational Education Committee: recommendation about name change of the committee (this area is now described as Career and Technical Education).

6. **Educational Policies Committee**: Jim Bickley provided a document titled “Draft #4” that includes Types and Definitions of Academic Dishonesty. Definitions were provided for: Cheating, Plagiarism, Fabrication, Facilitating Academic Dishonesty, Deliberately Impeding the Progress of Another Student or Scholar, and Forgery: Alteration, or Misuse of Campus Documents, Record, or Identification. These definitions, if approved, may be incorporated into a formal policy on academic dishonesty. A form that can be utilized to “Report (of) Alleged Violation of Student Code of Conduct” was provided for consideration. The Senate Board voted to send the recommended definitions to the College Coordinating Council for distribution for input.

5. **President's Report** – President Dabelow reported that the First Level Committee for the position of College President has been formalized except for the community representative for Board Area 7. The complete list is available in the Senate office. The minimum qualifications for the new president will include teaching or student service experience, preferably in a California Community College. Many of the characteristics suggested by the Academic Senate have been incorporated into the job description. Staff development funds ($98,000) are available in one-time funds from the state, and a college-wide committee is considering how the funds will be used. President Dabelow provided a document titled “ARCC 2007 Report: College level Indicators Self Assessment.” It provided information as to how PCC has fared in comparison to other community colleges in six areas of student performance. PCC ranked as #1 within its cohort groups in four of the six categories. All faculty members are reminded to attend Mikki Bollinger’s presentation for the Faculty Lecturer/Performer Award on Tuesday, 3/27 at noon in Harbeson Hall, followed by a reception in her honor in the Circadian. Her presentation is titled “Confessions of the Student Newspaper Advisor.”

6. **Information Items** – SLO flow charts have been developed by the SLO Steering Committee. Senate reps are asked to review for future discussions and share with their divisions. Joe Connor announced a workshop on Intellectual property Rights to be sponsored in conjunction with TABE. It will take place on March 29th, 5pm in the Creveling Lounge.