1. **CTA Report** – Roger Marheine reported that CTA leaders have met with the leadership of the proposed independent union and are “of one accord.” He expects that PERB will mail a ballot to all faculty in early June to determine the future course of the faculty’s bargaining unit. A constitution and bylaws for the proposed independent union is available on the institutional notice boards under “faculty associations.”

2. Richard Beyer of the Psychological Services office spoke to the Senate about identifying individuals who are “at the crisis point.” Dr. Beyer discussed factors an instructor might look for in order to make a referral to Psych Services. A summary of Dr. Beyer’s remarks will be made available soon for all faculty. He can be contacted at extension 7273 or 7996.

3. **Ad Hoc Accreditation Committee** – Allen Dooley will conduct a faculty workshop on accreditation on June 5th at noon in the Library Terrace room to discuss the new accreditation standards. Faculty volunteers are still needed to participate in the accreditation writing groups. Interested faculty should contact Kay Dabelow at extension 7952.

4. **Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics** – Jim Bickley reported that the Committee has studied the proposed Time, Place, and Manner Policy. At this point, the committee is not able to endorse the policy. The Committee provided a list of points that the administration has not adequately addressed. The Senate Board voted to withhold endorsement of the policy. Dr Kossler has indicated that he will present the proposed policy to the Board of Trustees nonetheless.

5. **Monitoring Committee** – Jim Bickley reported that Dr. Kossler has presented a replacement of the Electronics Resources Policy #5350. Faculty representatives on the committee have indicated that they are unwilling to support a replacement of the policy; they seek revision. At this point the Committee is not ready to make a recommendation.

6. **Distance Education Committee** – Alicia Vargas presented a student evaluation for online courses and their instructors. The Senate recommended the evaluation format and referred the questionnaire to CTA for inclusion in the faculty contract. The committee also presented three procedures to be incorporated into the faculty evaluation process for faculty who teach online. The Senate will vote on this recommendation at its next meeting on 6/4.

7. **Shared Governance Committee** – Bob McLean addressed two issues: 1. A disagreement has developed over language in policy #6300 that calls for a mutually agreed upon “common job description” for division deans. The Senate Board approved the committee’s recommendation that the job description for the division dean of Physical Education be withdrawn until a clarification of the policy has been achieved and until a process is agreed upon to ensure that affected faculty are consulted. 2. The Senate Board approved a recommendation from the committee to support the request of Dr. Khuloud Sweimeh, a professor of organic chemistry, for sponsorship by PCC for permanent residency status.

8. **Career and Technical Education Committee (Vocational Ed)** – Shelley Gaskin and Ellen Ligons addressed some concerns within the text of the proposed policy on Advisory Committees for Career and Technical Education Programs. They pointed out a need for fresh voices and participants on the committees, thus preserving the language calling for representatives to serve two two-year terms. They also pointed out that Title 5 regulations require that the committees be chaired by a community representative and not by faculty. The proposed policy was approved by the Senate Board.

9. **Educational Policies Committee** – Jim Bickley presented the proposed definitions of academic dishonesty. The definitions were approved by the Senate Board and will be incorporated into the Student Code of Conduct.

10. **Ad Hoc Release/Reassign Time Committee** – Edward Martinez presented a draft of a resolution calling upon CTA to advocate for, and the administration to accept, a definition of release/reassigned time and that specific release time positions be incorporated into a future faculty contract. Specific changes and additions to the resolution can still be made; contact Edward Martinez at extension 7254.

11. **Equivalency Committee** – Susie Ling presented a draft Memo on Equivalency that explains the equivalency procedure and criteria for equivalency when individuals apply for faculty positions but lack the customary academic degree requirements. She asked for feedback from division faculty. Her extension is 7335.

12. **Executive Committee Recommendations** – 1. Proposed policy on Investments #5650. The Senate board voted not to support the policy until, in the spirit of shared governance, faculty representation on the investment committee is specified. 2. Patty Lynn, Allen Dooley, Dorothy Potter, Tad Carpenter and Chuck Ward were approved to attend the Strategic Planning Retreat on 5/18.

13. **President's Report** - Kay Dabelow reminded faculty that the Academic Senate scholarships will be presented to student recipients prior to the next Senate Board meeting on 6/4 at 2:30 in C233. The Campus Change Network will sponsor a “spring mixer” for all faculty and staff in the Sculpture Garden on 5/24 from 11:30 – 2:00.

14. Faculty from the Visual Arts and Media Studies Division would like to raise the issue of including plus and minus on letter grades. It was pointed out that this was an item of contention just a few years ago. The issue may be revisited if there is interest on the part of many faculty members.