Note: A reception for Academic Senate Scholarship winners was held prior to the Academic Senate meeting.

1. Richard Beyer summarized information he presented last week at a special meeting on the status of an alternative bargaining unit for faculty. He assured faculty who have special benefits provided by CTA (such as auto insurance) that the new bargaining unit will seek to provide similar arrangements. He also mentioned that details on the election to decide the future status of a bargaining unit have to be worked out. PERB (Public Employee Relations Board) will decide the dates of the election.

2. Police Chief Peter Michael and Dan Meier spoke about the need for and a potential revision of the Student Code of Conduct. They provided recent examples of students who have posed serious problems and threats to faculty, staff, and other students. Both explained that there is a “disconnect” between legal issues and District issues, between the rights of students and the ability of safety services to provide protection, especially in light of the recent events at Virginia Tech. They also mentioned that a committee including faculty member Rich Beyer has been formed to eliminate the disconnect.

3. **Scholarship Committee** – Joanne Kim presented the names of the eight students who have been awarded the Academic Senate Scholarships. All are scheduled to attend UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, or UC Riverside. The Senate Board voted to make awards in the amount of $1800 each.
   - Dean’s Honors Scholarship Awardees: Xin Xin Lu, Han Fu, Connie Chung, Le Le Aye
   - Keith Miller Educational Scholarship Awards: Gabriela Castillo, Jia Li Mai, Susana Noriega, Iwona Dzag

4. **Rank Committee** – Ted James represented a recommendation from that committee to award rank advancement for instructors in the career and technical (vocational) education areas that was approved by the Senate Board. These instructors will be eligible for the ranks of Adjunct Assistant Professor, Assistant Professor, and Associate Professor.

The Board also approved Professor Emeritus status for Karen Holgerson.

5. **Ad Hoc SLO Committee** – Cecile Davis-Anderson and Carol Curtis presented a philosophy statement for Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and Support Service Outcomes (SSOs). The statement was debated by the Board members and ultimately adopted. It was also mentioned that the purchase of E-Lumen as a repository and assessment tool for course, program, and institutional SLOs is probably going forward.

6. **Shared Governance Committee** – President Dabelow reported for the committee on the issue of a policy for permanent residency status for faculty members. 1. Dr. Khuloud Sweimeh will be sponsored for permanent residency by PCC 2. The Board of Trustees has “backtracked” on its earlier decision to develop a general policy of sponsorship of permanent residency for faculty members hired on a temporary visa.

7. **Distance Education Committee** – Alicia Vargas clarified the composition of an evaluation team at the time that faculty who teach on-line are being evaluated. The evaluation team includes the Division Dean, a faculty member from the same division and a faculty member from another division. One of the faculty must have experience in on-line instruction.

8. **Ad Hoc Committee on Release/Reassign Time** – Edward Martinez presented a proposed resolution on the topic that included a request that CTA and the administration place the issues surrounding release time on the agenda for future negotiations. The Senate board decided that reframing the resolution into the form of a letter to the union would be more appropriate given the distinctive roles of the union and the Senate. The letter will include specific recommendations for release time allocations and an evaluation process.

9. **Faculty/Lecturer Performance Committee** – Grace Apiafi was approved for the full time award and Phillip Young for the adjunct award.

10. **Executive Committee Recommendations**: 1. Appointment of Susan Hunkins to Human Resources Accreditation Writing Group 2. Appointment of Nadege Williams to Facilities Accreditation Writing Group. Both were approved. The Senate Board voted to endorse Policy 5650 on Investments. Dr. Kossler has agreed that the meetings of the investment committee should be open to the public and allow for input from all interested parties. The Senate Board also voted to make a one-time contribution to the Dr. Kossler Scholarship fund which is intended to provide support for future teachers.

11. **President’s Report** – Kay Dabelow announced that the proposed Time, Place and manner Policy has been tabled by the Board of Trustees. Treasurer Ahni Armstrong reported the following: in the general account – $13, 060; in the scholarship fund - $228,706.

12. Rebecca Morris of the Visual Arts and Media Studies Division raised the question of having a plus/minus grading system. Jim Bickley pointed out that the issue was raised just a few years ago in the Educational Policies Committee and that there was little enthusiasm for the idea by most faculty. However, the issue may be revisited again soon within the context of proposed changes to Title 5 regulations that may have implications for PCC’s degree and grading system. As a result the matter of plus-minus grading was deferred until the Board of Governors makes its decisions re Title 5 changes.