Senate Seconds – 9/10/2007

1. **Scholarship Committee** – Joanne Kim reported that eight students were awarded Academic Senate scholarships last spring. Each student received $1800.

2. **Equivalency Committee** – Susie Ling distributed a draft “Memo on Equivalency” based on guidelines established by the Chancellor’s Office. The memo outlines the criteria that can be used to determine equivalency for hiring faculty that do not meet formal minimum qualifications established for their discipline and the procedures by which a committee can determine equivalency. Faculty representatives are asked to share this draft with division colleagues and be prepared to vote on the draft at the next meeting.

3. **Ad Hoc Disaster Relief Committee** – Pat Peach reported that this committee was established two years ago in particular to respond to the needs of students affected by Hurricane Katrina and/or needs of those affected by local disasters. Pat asked for approval to direct $200 of funds collected by the committee to help faculty at Lake Tahoe Community College who were affected by wildfires earlier this year. The money will be sent to the Lake Tahoe CC Fund for Disaster Relief. Request approved unanimously.

4. **Curriculum and Instruction Committee** – Carol Curtis reported on the many projects of that committee. They include significant changes to the WebCMS course outline form including that course SLOs must be “connected” to degree (institutional) SLOs and assignment examples must be provided. Carol also announced that September 25th would be a campus-wide Flex Day focusing on PCC as a learning-centered institution. Classified staff will be included in the various activities of the morning.

5. **Executive Committee Recommended Appointments** - Jim Gonzalez to the Advisory Committee concerning the Sculpture Garden, David Uranga to the Bylaws Rules and Procedures Committee, Leslie Tirapelle to the Academic Senate Technology Committee and to the Campus Technology Committee, Krista Goguen to the Academic Senate Distance Education Committee. Jeff Rudisill and Rich Blankinship to the Digital Audio/Video Production Technician Hiring Committee, Lori Gagliardi to the hiring committee for Registered Nurse Specialist, and Jay Ferrell to the Computer Center Technician hiring committee. All appointments were approved. The Senate also approved the appointment of Shelagh Rose and Cecile Davis Anderson as co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Senate SLO Committee; Kay Yee, Suzanne Brown, Russ Di Fiori, Salomon Davila, Stephanie Hood, Rita Gonzales, Maria Faccuseh, and Carol Curtis as members of the Ad Hoc Senate SLO Committee.

6. **Accreditation Steering Committee Town Meeting** - The Academic Senate voted to cosponsor this college-wide forum on the accreditation process.

7. **2007-2008 Academic Senate Goals** – Kay Dabelow distributed and summarized the goals developed at the recent Senate retreat. Senate reps are asked to review the goals and be prepared to vote on them at the next meeting.

8. **YAMC** – The Senate voted to approve a $200 donation to the Young African American Male’s Conference to be held on Sat. 9/22 at PCC. Three hundred students are expected to participate this year.

9. **Sent to Committee** - Educational Policies Committee: Amendment to program discontinuance policies and procedures (if agreed upon by all). SLO Committee: Recommendation for e-Lumen data steward and training for the software. Educational Policies Committee, Technology Committee, and Distance Education Committee: Review of online equity issues. Educational Policies: Course overlap issues.

10. **President’s Report** – Kay Dabelow reported that this summer Board of Trustees President Dr. Connie Rey-Castro agreed to delay the Time, Place, and Manner policy/procedures as a Board agenda item until the fall semester when faculty would be available to provide their input. She also commended Edward Martinez for his leadership in the course repetition issue, which has resulted in a Title 5 regulation change. **Vice-President’s Report** – Jim Bickley reported that the “Time, Place & Manner” and “Use of Electronic Resources” proposed policies have undergone some changes in wording. **Secretary’s Report** – Edward Martinez announced that the Statewide Career Pathways project is looking for faculty members to volunteer to work on articulation from high school to college in several discipline work groups. A flier was distributed with the work groups listed and contact info.

11. **Health Survey** – Jo Buczko announced that a survey titled the National College Health Assessment will be conducted in several randomly selected course sections. The data will be used determine health and behavior risks by students and how to target these behaviors on campus.

12. **Late Grades** – Kathy Rodarte of the EOP&S office addressed the faculty Senate about the serious consequences of late grades. She provided vivid examples of the implications to students when grades are not turned in on time by faculty. The Senate board asked the Professional Ethics Committee to draft a statement to faculty on this issue.

13. **CTA** – Roger Marheine provided an update on the status of the faculty union. He denied the position of some CTA advocates who contend that disaffiliation with the state CTA will have ramifications for faculty participation in STRS.