1. Dr. Perfumo addressed the Academic Senate about her recent retreat with the Board of Trustees. She reports that she is “shocked” about the poor state of infrastructure technology at PCC and has initiated discussions with V.P. Murillo about needed upgrades. The Board of Trustees at its last meeting approved a contract with Verizon to create a new technology infrastructure, a “backbone.” Work will take 18-20 months to complete. The president also said that PCC needs to develop a comprehensive emergency plan in the event of an earthquake or another disaster. Escrow accounts need to be created to insure that financial records and student records are safeguarded. Dr. Perfumo also described a plan titled “Vision 2020”. This includes an effort to reach out to the Pasadena community and high schools and identify our strengths and weaknesses. Special consideration will be given to those businesses and industries that are growing in Pasadena. Finally, Dr. Perfumo wants all faculty to know that groundbreaking will take place for the new campus center, bookstore and ITB on 10/17 at 4pm. All faculty and staff members are invited.

2. **Equivalency Committee** – Susie Ling previously presented a memo on equivalency to provide guidelines in determining when individual applicants who lack a master’s degree have “equivalent” background and preparation to teach in a specific discipline. Approved by the Board.

3. **Connections Committee** – Beverly Tate provided a list of “connections” or special projects coordinated by various divisions on campus with schools within the Pasadena Unified School District. She said that she welcomes information about any additional activity conducted in conjunction with PUSD on the part of an individual faculty or staff member.

4. **Faculty Development Committee** - Chuck Ward presented the goals of the committee for 2007-2008. They include: Lunch and Learn Workshops, SLO Workshops and activities, a faculty development website, and a faculty development newsletter. The Senate Board approved the goals. Chuck and Kay Dabelow received the Senate’s endorsement for specific activities and outcomes that they will advocate for in the expenditure of one-time staff development funds.

5. **Career and Technical Education Committee** – Shelley Gaskin reported that the committee is in the process of gathering information on the possibility of standardizing the process by which a student applies for and receives a vocational certificate.

6. **Executive Committee** – The Senate Board approved the Academic Senate Goals for 2007-2008. There was some discussion about goal #3 and a desire to stipulate that the college should provide support for technology infrastructure. The Senate approved the appointment of David Uranga to Academic Senate Ad Hoc SLO Committee; Krista Goguen, David Uranga, Xiaodan Leng, and Regina Fernandez to the Distance Education Committee; and Leslie Tirapelle as Faculty Technology Committee chair. The Senate also approved funding of two nights lodging for ASCCC Fall Plenary Session, not to exceed $300.00. The Senate approved the cosponsoring of Hilary Bradbury-Huang to talk about the advantages and importance of being “greener” on October 24, C333 from 12 – 1:20: approved a fundraising activity to be called “Ceramic Afternoon with Jim Gonzalez”.

7. **“What to do Brochure”** – Scott Thayer of the Student Activities Office spoke about Policy # 4520 – Student Conduct and Academic Honesty and the “due process” that students have. He also mentioned that his office, and the Office of Psychological Services is in the process of developing a “What to Do” brochure for faculty and staff who work with psychologically troubled students.

8. **Desktop Upgrade Report** – Bob Cody gave an in-depth presentation on the status of the computer upgrade and replacement plan that was implemented in January of 2005. He provided several handouts detailing the upgrades by division.

9. **Union Update** – Richard Beyer provided a memo to all faculty from Roger Marheine announcing the results of the election conducted by PERB. The PCC Faculty Association won the election with a 64% majority and, unless CTA challenges the results by October 1, will represent all faculty in negotiations after a short transition from the CTA.