**Senate Seconds – 10/22/2007**

1. **Vision 2020** – Rick Van Pelt presented an update on building construction and upgrades on campus along with possible campus changes as part of a facilities 2020 plan. He spoke about Measure P projects, scheduled maintenance, technology infrastructure plans, classroom upgrades, access compliance and asbestos abatement. He presented specific ideas about future building projects including parking structures where lots 3 and 5A are presently located. One of the structures may have a roof composed of solar panels. He also spoke about the possibility of a new building with office and classroom space that would be located in that portion of parking lot 3 next to the observatory. He indicated the need to do major asbestos abatement on U and R buildings, cycling sections of each building out of use each year.

2. **Susie Ling and Phil Ricards** – Two faculty members from the Social Sciences Division presented a summary of general comments presented to the Board of Trustees on October 3rd. The general comments were drafted on behalf of some of the faculty in the Social Sciences Division. They reflected a general sentiment that “SLOs do not necessarily contribute to good teaching or student learning.” The individuals who signed this document were particularly upset that a flex day was devoted to SLO development rather than to instruction.

3. **C&I Committee** – Carol Curtis indicated that C&I has asked that the Academic Senate address amending the Program Discontinuance Policy to allow for easier “clean-up” of courses that are no longer relevant to certificate programs or discontinuance of programs that have not been offered for several years. Ms. Curtis reported that as this fall C&I cycle is coming to a close there have been more than the usual number of conflicts between divisions over the addition of new courses. She indicated that written processes would be developed to insure that conflicts within and between divisions are resolved early in the course development process. Carol reminded the Senate board that all faculty, staff, and management involved in curriculum development must attend a training session on “stand-alone” courses. Finally, she reported the results of a survey assessment in which most faculty members provided a positive comment on the activities of Flex Day.

4. **Faculty Development Committee** – Krista Goguen reported for Chuck Ward, indicating that forthcoming workshops will focus more on non-SLO matters. Three workshops planned cover the topics of Turn-it-in.com, use of the PCC portal, and grant writing. A flyer detailing the planned workshops will be distributed pending a date revision.

5. **Proposition 92** – Dennis Frisch - a faculty member at Santa Monica College -who is representing FACCC (Faculty Association of California Community Colleges) spoke about Proposition 92 that will be on the ballot in February 2008. This proposition was previously known as the Community College Initiative. It provides for a rollback of fees to $15 per unit and provides a mechanism for a stable and predictable adjustment in fees when required. Prop 92 also provides that community college funding is separated from K-12 funding so that community colleges will be able to grow even if K-12 student numbers decline. Furthermore, the proposition gives community college governance a constitutional standing it currently lacks so that the Systems Office will more closely -parallel the administrative systems for UC and CSU in power. FACCC hopes to raise $4 million to fund this campaign. Mr. Frisch asked all individual faculty members to contribute $100. PCC president Paulette Perfumo voiced strong support for the proposition and indicated that all faculty contributions will form part of the $47,000 goal for PCC’s contribution toward this effort.

6. **Executive Committee recommendations** - Appoint Leslie Tirapelle to the Network Upgrade Communication Group. Approve Edward Martinez and Kay Dabelow to attend 2007 ASCCC Fall Plenary Session in Anaheim. Approval of appointing Took Took Thongthiraj to replace Rita D’Amico on Standard 2A Committee. All approved. The Senate board also approved a recommendation to contribute $200 from Senate funds for the Prop 92 campaign; this is in addition to the $500 approved by the Senate last spring.

7. **Reports** – President Kay Dabelow reported 1. That the Board of Trustees received updates on the status of accreditation planning and an update on changes within the P.E. Division. 2. The final report on Collegiality and Integrity was e-mailed to Board members. President Dabelow asked all Senate reps to review the document in preparation for discussion at the next meeting. 3. She also asked for input regarding the Guide for Faculty to be discussed at the next meeting. 4. She read a letter of thanks from Connie Chung – a student who received a senate scholarship last spring and who is now at UC- Berkeley.

Vice-President Jim Bickley reported that a consultative committee has been called to meet on the Time, Place and Manner proposed policy. The committee will have input from all constituent groups and will ‘hammer out’ the remaining differences and sources of contention. President Dabelow, Vice-President Bickley, and Secretary Edward Martinez will represent the Academic Senate on the committee. Secretary Edward Martinez announced that he has copies of the resolutions discussed at the Area C meeting of the Academic Senate and that will be presented at the upcoming plenary session. Treasurer Ahni Armstrong reported that the Senate has $9243 in its general fund and $253,743 in its scholarship fund.

8. **Union issues** - Jane Hallinger reported that the transition form CTA to PCCFA is going smoothly. However, some dues monies may still be owed to CTA. Individual faculty will need to enroll for membership in the new union. Monthly union fees for faculty members will decrease, but not until the beginning of next year; the union needs to develop a contingency fund for grievances, legal matters, etc.