Senate Seconds – 2/25/2008

1. **PCCFCA Report** – Roger Marheine spoke to the Academic Senate Board. He reported that the new union is meeting with representatives of union reps from LACC, SMC, and other colleges to keep abreast of the statewide budgetary issues. He reports that negotiations are “going well” between the representatives of the new union and the new administration. Meetings have gone on over the course of the winter session. Some of the issues in discussion include: office hours for part-time faculty, load compensation, CEC part-time pay, maternity leave, and a two-year contract. He also indicated that the Time, Place, and Manner Policy/Procedures proposed by the union had met with a generally positive response. The next meeting for union members will be on March 6 at noon in the Forum.

2. **Senate Technology Committee** – Leslie Tirapelle presented an update. Members are revitalizing and changing the role of the committee to focus on providing leadership for technology innovation in instruction. A handout summarized the new committee goals. A vote will be taken at the next meeting to endorse the new direction of the committee.

3. **Senate Calendar Committee** – Dorothy Potter reported that the committee has met recently and reviewed the many suggestions put forth in Senate discussions. The committee voted to recommend that the Academic Senate adopt Draft 1C as the academic calendar for 2009-2010. The committee also did not endorse having Flex Days unless there is a “compelling reason.” Dr. Paulette Perfumo spoke on behalf of retaining Flex Days for faculty development activities. A vote will be taken at the next Senate meeting regarding the calendar. Division reps are reminded to poll division colleagues for views on Draft 1C and the issue of Flex Day.

4. **Educational Policies Committee** – Jim Bickley reported that the committee is finalizing its recommendations on class overlap procedures with the office of Admissions and Records. The Committee also plans to present a recommendation on modifying the Program Discontinuance Policy within the next month.

5. **Ad Hoc Title 5 Changes Committee** – Edward Martinez presented an update. The committee has been meeting over the winter session. Members have been reviewing current PCC practices in course repetition, grading policy, curriculum development, associate degree standards, and majors. The committee has decided to recommend revisions to policies 3200, 4050, and 4060. The committee will plan full college-wide input into policy development as these issues come before the C&I Committee, the Senate Board, and all shared governance groups.

6. **Elections Committee** – Pat Peach reported that all Senate offices are open for election. The nominations period is open from 3/3/2008 to 3/10/2008. An Intent to Seek Office form must be completed and is available in the Senate office. Ballots will be distributed on 3/24 and will be due on 4/2. Election results will be announced on 4/10.

7. **Executive Committee Recommendations approved** - 1. Ratify Ahni Armstrong and Patricia Lynn to attend ASCCC Vocational Education Leadership Institute. 2. Ratify appointment of Susan Briggs to the Data Controller II interview committee. 3. Ratify appointment of Leslie Tirapelle, Sandy Haynes, and Allen Dooley to the Distance Education Web Specialist Hiring Committee. 4. Ratify appointment of Regina Cooper to the Hiring Committee for Pass Coordinator. 5. Ratify appointment of James Aragon to the Feasibility Study Committee: Arming PCC Police. 6. Ratify appointment of Krista Walter and Debra Folsom to Sustainability Committee. 7. Ratify appointment of Ahni Armstrong to Budget Planning Committee. 8. Host reception for visiting Chinese faculty this summer. 9. Ratify Kris Pilon screen printing workshop fundraiser. 10. Sponsor fundraiser involving the selling of t-shirts for graduation. The following were sent to committee: CAPE: Professional Ethics Workshops, Rank Committee: Professor Emeritus Benefits. All were approved.

8. **Fundraising Workshop** – Susie Ling announced that the workshop on screen printing will be held on Friday, 3/28 from 6-9pm in T200. Kris Pilon will provide an engaging workshop for new amateur printers complemented by dessert and coffee. Donations of $35 will go the PCC Academic Senate general fund. Flyers are available in the Senate office.

9. **IPRO** – Stuart Wilcox and Crystal Kollross presented a proposal for the assessment of Institutional (Degree) SLOs. They shared a proposal methodology that a. delineates several “competencies under each of the general ILOs titled communication, cognition, information competency, social responsibility, and personal development. b. the SLO Resource Center will identify rubrics developed by faculty for each competency. c. faculty will be asked to assess one activity that measures one competency for each class each semester. d. competencies and their rubrics will be entered into eLumen. The Senate will vote on an approval for this assessment process following Flex Day.

10. **Network Infrastructure Upgrade Project** – Bob Cody presented information on the project to upgrade all telephone and computer systems at PCC. He presented a chart detailing the progress on this project for all buildings including CEC and CDC. He explained that the long-term goal is to provide faculty, staff, and students with a seamless state-of-the-art system that integrates phone and computer systems. Dr. Perfumo complimented Dr. Cody for his swift work and remaining under-schedule.