Senate Seconds – 3/10/2008

1. **Technology Committee** – Leslie Tirapelle reviewed the new leadership goals for the committee that she shared with the Senate board at the last meeting. The goals are available on the website http://facultytechnology.pbwiki.com The Board voted to approve the new goals.

2. **Calendar Committee** – Dorothy Potter presented the Senate Calendar Committee’s recommendations for the 2009-2010 calendar. The committee recommended no flex day for that academic year. After extensive discussion and votes taken on drafts labeled as versions 3, 1C, and 2, without a resolution, a final vote was taken between the versions known as 1C and 3. A tie vote had to be broken by President Dabelow who decided in favor of draft 1C. The Senate board also voted to support the executive committee’s recommendation in favor of one flex day for 2009-2010.

3. **Emergency Plan** – Chief Peter Michael spoke to the Senate Board about plans on how to respond to a variety of emergency situations. He and other members of the administration have prepared the Incident Command System and an Incident Command Team. These plans are required by FEMA. He has been working with Verizon on the installation of more security cameras on campus. He has also instituted the AlertU System that will provide messages to faculty, staff, and students about dangerous situations on campus. Information will be provided via email, voice mail, and text messages. It is possible that flat screen information monitors and “reverse 911” loud speakers will be available at some point in the future.

4. **Economic Update** – Vice President Kindred Murillo provided an update on the California state budget. A $3.3 billion deficit is estimated for 2007-2008 and, possibly, as much as a $16-18 billion deficit is estimated for 2008-2009. Some of this is due to a property tax shortfall related to the mortgage crisis, but approximately $8 billion is a structural deficit. VP Murillo reported that despite these dire predictions, PCC is “fiscally sound” with “good reserves.” We can get through approximately eighteen months of budget cuts if we are prudent. She advised us with these words: “Don’t spend it if it is not necessary, but don’t be penny wise and pound foolish.”

5. **Police Arming Task Force** – James Aragon was recently appointed by the Senate to serve on a task force to consider the possibility of arming PCC police officers. He asked the Senate Board members to share with him their opinions, ideas, and comments on this issue. James can be contacted at extension 7897. He can also be reached at jjaragon@pasadena.edu.

6. **Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics** – Jim Bickley spoke about a newly revised and shortened proposal on Time, Place, and Manner. Jim indicated that there were some discrepancies in the draft provided at the CCC and what he had understood as changes proposed by the consultative committee. Because of the discrepancies, CAFPE could make no recommendation. The Senate will ask for clarification.

7. **Educational Policies** – Jim Bickley indicated that work continues on revisions to the Program Discontinuance Policy.

8. **Elections Committee** – Pat Peach reported that the following individuals have submitted their names for an Academic Senate office. For President – Jim Bickley, for Vice President – Edward Martinez, for Secretary – Ahni Armstrong, and two candidates for Treasurer - Patricia Lynn and James Aragon. Nominations were declared closed. Ballots and instructions will be mailed to all faculty.

9. **Executive Committee Recommendations** – 1. Approve attendance of Kathryn Dabelow, Jim Bickley, Ahni Armstrong and Mark Dodge to ASCCC Spring Plenary Session: Apr. 17-19, Westin, San Francisco. 2. Appoint Bob Eaton to Academic Senate Technology Committee. 3. Approve appointment of Joe Futtner, Patricia Lynn and Anne Marie Ketchum to Academic Senate’s Title 5 Changes Ad Hoc Committee. All were approved.

10. **CTE Certificate recipients** – President Dabelow briefly mentioned that the Office of Career and Technical Education would like to propose that a student receiving a Certificate of Achievement be permitted to participate in the annual graduation ceremony.

11. **Tuberculosis Issues** – Jo Buczko reviewed concerns about students with tuberculosis. On the average one student per year is identified with active TB. Protocols are in place for when students and faculty may have been exposed that work very effectively.