Senate Seconds – 3/26/2008

1. **Center for the Arts** – Rick Van Pelt presented information on the new building for Art and Music. Together with the V building the new Center for the Arts will hold most of the PCA and VAMS programs. The building is scheduled to be built after the Bookstore/Campus Center and Industrial Technology buildings. At the present time, it is estimated to cost $62 million. Dr. Perfumo added that PCC is seeking donors to contribute about $2 million toward the total cost of the project.

2. **Election Committee** - Pat Peach reminded the board representatives and all faculty that ballots for Senate officers are due by noon on Wednesday, April 2nd.

3. **CAFPE** – Jim Bickley reports that he hopes to have a recommended draft of the Time, Place, and Manner Policy by the next meeting. The current draft was presented at the last meeting of the College Coordinating Council. It was written primarily by the lawyer of the faculty union, but incorporates suggestions from the consultative committee and the Academic Senate. Also, CAFPE plans to offer workshops on ethical issues pertinent to faculty, in particular to make faculty aware of the Faculty Ethics policy. Recommendations on topics may be forward to Jim at Ext. 7447. The Committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Ethics is seeking new members. Faculty volunteers should feel free to contact Jim directly.

4. **Educational Policies Committee** - Jim Bickley reports that the committee hopes to recommend adding an abridged version of program discontinuance to the already existing Program Discontinuance Policy by the next Senate board meeting. The abridged version is expected to ease the process for discontinuing programs when there is a broad consensus that a program should be discontinued.

5. **Executive Committee** – Approval of two-year trial period for competencies as suggested by IPRO. Approval of letter to Board of Trustees to thank them for no lay-off policy. Approve appointment of Dan Meier and Bianca Richards to the Learning Assistance Center Assistant II Hiring Committee. Approve appointment of Barbara Griffith as an Academic Senate representative to the college-wide Consultative Committee on Facilities. Appoint Armando Duran to the Career and Tech Programs Committee. Approve appointment of Jo Buczko to the Hiring Panel for the position of Buyer. Approve appointment of Debra Bronstein to the Ad Hoc Title V Changes Committee. Approval of $200 for expenses related to 2008 Faculty Lecture Awards. All of these recommendations were adopted.

6. **Participation in Graduation Ceremony by CTE Certificate Recipients** – Ellen Ligons has asked that students who have received a Certificate (either Certificate of Achievement or Occupational Skills Certificate) be allowed to participate in the annual graduation ceremony and receive recognition. A motion was approved to have an Academic Senate Ad Hoc Committee created to investigate this proposal.

7. **2008 Faculty Performance Awards** – Grace Apiafi will present a lecture on “Indoor Cycling” on 4/8 at noon in the Forum. A reception will follow on the U Patio. Phillip Young will present a lecture on “Dead People Don’t Play the Piano” on 4/24 from 1 to 2pm in Harbeson Hall. A reception will follow in C233.

8. **Flex Day** – The campus wide Calendar Committee has approved September 29th as Flex Day for 2009-2010.

9. **PCCFA** – The union reports that faculty have overwhelmingly voted in favor of the proposed contract.

10. **President’s Report** – President Dabelow reports that 1. CTE day, where many area high school students were introduced to CTE programs at PCC, was a great success. 2. A committee is investigating the option of extending a number of privileges to retired faculty including having access to Library resources, identification cards, parking access, etc. She indicated the library has been very helpful and has developed a process for faculty retirees to access library databases from off campus. 3. The issue of the PCC President’s car has been referred to a Board of Trustee’s subcommittee. 4. The Trustees have asked that the issue of a smoke-free campus be agendized and have asked for a “zero tolerance for violence” policy. 5. The Accreditation Steering Committee has been very concerned about the lack of campus participation in accreditation writing groups. Focus groups have been formed to review the second drafts. Forums will be held later in the process. **Vice President’s Report** – Jim Bickley reminded the board that a task force has been created to consider the option of arming campus police. James Aragon was appointed as a Senate representative to the task force. **Secretary’s Report** – Edward Martinez reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on Title 5 has developed a first draft of a revised policy on grades and course repetition and on C&I procedures, both of which have been shared with the Senate leadership. The committee hopes to have a revised policy on the nature and characteristics of the AA and AS degrees soon. **Treasurer’s Report** – Ahni Armstrong reported that the Senate has $11,314 in its general account and $252,126 in the scholarship account. She also reported that the Academic Senate represents over 1300 faculty members.