September 22, 2008 Senate Board Meeting

Title 5 Update: Revised requirements for AA and AS degrees and newly created majors or “areas of emphasis” for students entering in Fall Semester 2009 likely to be voted on October 30th at C & I meeting. After fall 2009, students pursuing an AA degree must select a major or “area of emphasis”. Want to add a new major or refine the criteria for one? You must act now. Call Ed Martinez (x7254).

Flex Day is Wednesday, October 1, 8am -3:30pm. Divisions may use afternoon time to work on AA majors and their requirements, as well as program and course SLOs: assessment, archiving, and refinement.

SLOARC (SLO Assessment and Resource Center): Faculty are placing course SLOs on their syllabi, but soon they will be publicly posted on Web CMS site. SLOARC faculty coordinators are working with Deans, Division Coordinators, and SLO Division Council faculty representatives to review SLOs and provide feedback / suggestions to “fine tune” them.

ByLaws Committee: Issue: Should Senate officers continue to serve a 1-year term? Or do you prefer a 2-year term? What do you think? Share opinion with Senate representative.

Faculty Handbook will be revised this year: Bring suggestions to the Senate Office or contact Patricia Lynn at x7031. The Faculty Handbook may be available on-line soon.

Upcoming Accreditation Site visit: March 16-19 2009. Thanks to Lynn Wright and those who have worked hard on the Self Study report.

Classified Senate Halloween celebration on October 31. Look for announcements. We’re invited!

PCCFA Report: PCCFA negotiations begin in October. Did you know? Adjunct faculty do not get paid for office hours. Adjunct faculty want seniority rehire rights, health benefits. A 67% law going into effect on January 1, 2009, will allow adjuncts to teach up to 10 hours a week. After January an adjunct faculty member may teach two 5-unit classes at the same school.

State Budget: It is anticipated that Governor Schwarzenegger will sign State budget on Tuesday, September 23.