October 6, 2008 Senate Board Meeting

**Title 5 Update:** On October 30, C&I votes on changes to the requirements for the AA and AS degrees. C& I will also vote on newly developed AA majors and “areas of emphasis” (broad “majors” such as Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, etc.)

**Faculty Technology Committee:** Committee members met with representatives of Strata Information Group, the third party consultant assessing campus technology needs. Our campus will ultimately be “wireless” – how might that impact us? The Committee has been asked to study appropriate student use of electronics in the classroom—including cell phones, laptops, texting, etc. and make recommendations.

**Learning Outcomes:** We’re familiar with SLOs and SSOs (Student Service Outcomes) for our Courses and Programs. We generally link these to the college’s ILOs (Institutional Learning Outcomes). If the link is not obvious or is problematic, maybe the ILO needs updating – give us your feedback so we can complete the “SLO loop”.

**Contract Education:** The City of Pasadena is talking with PCC leadership exploring the possibility of our offering “contract education” for them, where our faculty go to the City’s site to conduct training for their employees.

**New Committee members needed:** A new ad hoc group for the Basic Skills Initiative is forming. Also, consider serving on other campus wide and standing committees. Your participation makes a difference.

**FACCC conference:** PCC will host a FACCC conference Friday-Saturday, November 14-15, 2008. Talk about convenient C.E. More information will follow.

**Distance Education:** The Board of Trustees has asked for more information on what the college is already doing in the area of Distance Education, and they are ready to engage in more discussion regarding future directions for this instructional modality.

**Announcements:**
- Green Summit Event at the Flea Market, Sunday, November 2, 2008
- PCC Foundation Awards & Benefit Luncheon honoring Dr. Jack Scott, Oct. 28