October 20, 2008 Senate Board Meeting

Title 5 Update: Students entering PCC in Fall 2009 who want an AA degree will also need to fulfill the requirements of a major or area of emphasis – Soon there will be no more generic AA degrees granted. On Oct. 30 the C& I Committee will likely approve a number of new majors and areas of emphasis. This is the first “go around”: there will be future opportunities for divisions to modify existing majors and add new ones. Of course, students may transfer without an AA degree – the degree is optional.

Accreditation Self Study: Town Hall meetings: Be informed
Monday, October 27, 12-1 pm at the CEC, Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, October 28, 5-6 pm in C233
Thursday, October 30, 12-1 pm, R-122

PCC Budget: The Board of Trustees adopted the new school year budget at their October 15, 2008 meeting. The budget is similar to last years with no significant reductions. Because of ongoing State financial problems, there will likely be a call for mid-year adjustments. We have been asked to be especially careful with our spending this year.

Committee members needed: (1) Faculty Development Committee. This committee helps plan lunch-time workshops on relevant and requested topics such as: technology, SLOs, greening the campus. (2) Senate Textbook Committee. This committee will work with other campus groups to develop alternatives so students can save on textbook costs.

Senate Committees and Campus-wide Committee. What’s the difference? Senate committees (e.g., Faculty Technology Committee) are the working groups that research senate concerns and bring policy recommendations to the Senate Board. Campus-wide committees (e.g., Campus Technology Committee) bring all constituency groups (management, faculty, classified, students) together for dialogue. They usually perform an advisory role to the college on issues relevant to their charge. Membership on Campus-wide committees is usually more limited than membership of Senate committees.

Distance Education at PCC: These course offerings include online instruction (almost 100% online); hybrid (at least 51% online); web-enhanced (less than 50% online), and telecourses (instructional television). Senate Distance Ed. Com. wants representatives from all divisions.

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