November 3, 2008 Senate Board Meeting

Title 5 Update: Substandard Grades, Withdrawal. When a student takes a course and withdraws, she can retake the course. However, nothing is ever erased or removed from a transcript. A course may be repeated only when the grade received was substandard [D, F, FW (withdraw failing)], NP (no pass), or NC (no credit), or the class was dropped [W or MW (military withdrawal)]. The student's GPA will be recalculated after a successful repetition.

Distance Education Delivery Modalities
1. Online—delivered primarily via the Internet using a Learning Management (LMS) System like Blackboard, with limited on-campus meetings.
2. Hybrid—51 percent or more of the content is delivered via the Internet, with the rest delivered in a traditional on-campus classroom environment.
3. Web-enhanced—a traditional on-campus class that uses the Internet to check course website or Blackboard. Does not reduce on-campus meetings.

SLOs: The course SLOs placed on Web CMS are being reviewed by the SLOARC Committee, Division coordinators, and faculty.

PCC Mission Statement: The mission statement was reviewed by a consultative committee recently and will be presented to the Board of Trustees on Nov. 5. The mission statement has been broadened so that it addresses our excellent curriculum in CTE (Career and Technical Education), transfer, and the basic skills areas. The contribution that our quality support services make to student success is also noted. The new statement will be ready for the 2009-2010 catalog.

Accreditation Self-Study Report: A late version draft is ready for viewing at pasadena.edu/selfstudydraft (from on campus only). Please notify Lynn Wright if you note any omissions or errors of punctuation or fact.

PCC and the Greater Los Angeles ShakeOut Earthquake Scenario: On Thursday, November 13, at 10 a.m., an alarm will sound. Teachers should tell their students to “duck and cover” and keep their positions for 90 seconds. The cooperation of all faculty is crucial to a successful drill; plan class activities accordingly on that day.

Possible New High School at PCC: Discussion has begun between PCC and Pasadena Unified School District about possible formation of a new high school on campus, with 30-60 students, based on what is called the “early college high school model.”

Announcements:
- FACCC conference at PCC: Friday-Saturday, November 14-15, 2008; registration forms in the Senate Office – See Judy Benson.
- Great American Smoke Out, Thurs., Nov. 20; students pick up cigarette butts around campus on Tues., Nov. 18