December 1, 2008 Senate Board Meeting

Title 5 Update: The Statewide Academic Senate has proposed that community colleges “redefine and uniformly distinguish” the AS and AA degrees. The current proposal states that an AS degree will be the proper degree for those qualifying in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or CTE. The AA degree will be the proper degree for those qualifying in every other field of study.

Distance Education Committee: The Senate Distance Education Committee (DE) has a well developed web site (located under Staff Services) on PCC’s web site. Look there for DE newsletters, discussion, documents and forms. DE Chair Sandy Haynes reported that there is increasing concern in the DE community with checking student authenticity to ensure that the student completing online work is actually the student registered in the class.

Advancement in Academic Rank: rank categories for full-time faculty include Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor. Rank categories for adjunct faculty include Adjunct Instructor and Adjunct Assistant Professor. These ranks encourage faculty to pursue continuing education but they, in and of themselves, are not related to salary. There is usually an opportunity to advance in rank each semester.

Did you know this about the Campus Bookstore?
- profits from the bookstore support student club activities and Commencement.
- a 25% standard markup is used for most textbooks at PCC; this markup percentage is in the middle range of other college bookstore markups.
- timely submittal of book orders may enable students to have more access to used books
- custom titles may cost students less upfront, but there may be no market for resale.
- student book loans, grants, vouchers, etc. may only be used in the campus bookstore.

Announcements:
- University & College Presidents’ Climate Commitment will be signed by President Perfumo on Tuesday, December 9, in Galloway Plaza.