May 4, 2009 Senate Board Meeting

**Early College High School Retreat: Open Invitation to faculty to participate:** a joint PCC-PUSD Retreat entitled “Creating a College Going Culture” will include a charrette group discussion about the proposed (Fall 2010) Early College High school at PCC. Retreat will be held Friday, May 22, 8:00-2pm at All Saints Episcopal Church. The Senate is actively recruiting 3-4 faculty from each division – please contact Judy at X7211. Your participation and input is wanted.

**Senate Election Results for Senate Officers for 2009-2010:**
President—Jim Bickley   Secretary—Ahni Armstrong  
Vice President—Edward Martinez  Treasurer—Patricia Lynn

**Ad Hoc Title 5 Committee:** The Committee is continuing its work on updating policies #4050 (now titled Standards of Scholarship; previously, Grading) and #4055 (Course Repetition). FYI, under the course repetition policy, when a student successfully repeats a course and receives a passing grade, only the most recent grade earned will be computed in the cumulative GPA. How many times can a student repeat a course? -- If you don’t know, you might want to get a copy of policy #4055.

**Senate SLO Committee:** The committee is revisiting its previously developed and Senate approved philosophy statement for SLOs. Some language may need subtle revision as we enter the assessment phase. Several faculty concerns are being reviewed also (e.g., protecting academic freedom, limiting use of SLO assessment data in faculty evaluations – except in the self-evaluation).

**Academic Rank Committee:** The Committee made recommendations for advancement in rank for one professor emeritus, three professors, one associate professor, three assistant professors, and three adjunct assistant professors – see Senate minutes for details.

**Senate Scholarship Awardees:** The Senate Scholarship Committee finished its review of applications and its interviewing process. Six exceptionally qualified students were selected to receive scholarships this year. Scholarship awardees will be recognized at a reception in President’s Conference Room, on Mon., June 1, 2:30-3pm.

**Special Awards Nomination Deadlines:**
Ralph Story Award (faculty) by Friday, May 8.  
Unsung Hero Award (classified), Friday, May 8.  
Faculty Lecture Performance Awards for Fulltime and Adjunct, May 15.

**Flex day possibilities for 2010-2011 Calendar:**
Fall: Wednesday, September 29; Spring: Wednesday, March 30

**Announcements:**
- Campus wide staff mixer, Cinco de Mayo, Amphitheatre, 3-5pm.
- Senate Scholarship Awards Ceremony: Mon., June 1 at 2:30 – 3:00pm, C-233.