Senate Seconds – 11/19/2007

1. **Calendar Committee** – Dorothy Potter presented three drafts for the 2009-2010 academic year. She reviewed the pros and cons of the plans. AS reps were asked to share the drafts with faculty in their divisions and to be prepared to convey their division’s first choice at the next senate board meeting.

2. **Health and Safety Committee** – Jo Buzcko presented the results of a survey on smoking that indicates that students, faculty, and staff are supportive of the current policy of banning smoking within 20 feet of campus buildings. The committee advocates a campaign to increase awareness of the negative effects of smoking and the fact that state law bans smoking within 20 feet of the perimeter of a building (not just 20 feet of an entrance).

3. **Educational Policies Committee** – Jim Bickley reports that the committee is working on a modification of the Program Discontinuance Policy so as to simplify discontinuance when there is a campus-wide consensus that a program should be discontinued. The committee is also working to make PCC’s course overlap procedures compliant with new Title 5 regulations.

4. **Ad Hoc Disaster Relief Committee** – Pat Peach read a letter thanking the relief committee and the Senate for a $200 donation made to help employees of Lake Tahoe Community College whose homes were devastated by wildfire.

5. **Rank Committee** – Ted James presented a list of faculty members who qualified for rank promotion. All were approved. The list was distributed to all representatives who were asked to share with their division. A motion was also approved that asked the rank committee to examine the parameters under which faculty can be advanced so as to provide ample opportunities for all faculty to seek rank promotion.

6. **Executive Committee Recommendations** - Appoint Edward Martinez as chair of the Ad Hoc Title V Committee. Appoint James Aragon, Linda Hintzman, Patricia D’Orange-Martin, Debra Wood, and Kathleen Uyekawa to the Ad Hoc Title V Committee. Appoint Andrzej Bojarczak and Sharon Bober to the Distance Education Committee. Appoint Regina Cooper to the hiring committee for PASS Coordinator. All were approved. The Senate Board also voted to accept the Final Report on Collegiality and Integrity.

7. **President’s report** – Kay Dabelow reported that the Senate has authorized the second half of the $1800 donation to the Jim Kossler Scholarship Fund. The Ceramic Fundraiser event led by Jim Gonzalez was a great success. About $800 was raised for the Senate. Kris Pilon has offered to do a similar silk-screen event in the future.

8. **Secretary’s report** – Edward Martinez reported that the Ad Hoc Title V Committee is underway; volunteers are still being sought from various divisions to insure that all faculty are represented.

9. **Treasurer’s report** – Ahni Armstrong reported $8686 in the general fund and $253,743 in the scholarship fund.

10. **Green Campus Issues** – Ling O’Connor and students have organized the “Seeds of Change” club. The club’s goal is to create an awareness of the environmental crisis, make the campus climate neutral, and get PCC to officially participate in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

11. **“What to Do Brochure”** – this publication will be sent out by email to faculty, again. Senate reps, in particular, are asked to review the document and to be prepared to vote at the next meeting.

12. **ARCC Report** – President Dabelow sent an e-mail to all full-time faculty with a link to a draft of the 2008 ARCC Report; handouts of the pages covering PCC were made available to the board. The report provides comparisons in AA/AS degrees, transfer, persistence and other measures over three time periods. According to Stuart Wilcox because the most recent data has been evaluated using somewhat different criteria than last year, it is difficult to compare data.

13. **The Social Sciences representative, Susie Ling, presented a statement that was approved by a majority of the faculty in that division. They have asked the Senate to express “dissent” for the way in which the Board of Trustees “ratified” the purchase of a new car for PCC’s new president. They also objected to the fact that the new car, a Cadillac Deville, will only get 14 miles per gallon of gas. The Senate Board voted to have the Senate’s executive committee gather all the facts before making a recommendation or taking a position.

14. **PCCFCA** – Roger Marheine addressed the Senate on behalf of the new union. He responded to the charges brought against the union by chemistry professor Rich Mckee. The new union board voted to retain the 1% fee for the present time as a means to build-up a reserve to deal with demands on union resources such as those resulting from law suits or from the possibility that the state CTA may demand the payment of “back dues” that they claim the local union owes to them. Mr. Marheine announced the formation of a negotiations team that includes: Yves Magloe, Ted James, Manny Perea, Lee Reinhardt, Lori Gagliardi, Tony Juge, and Krista Walter.