



Mission College Academic Senate President's Report 2/21/08

Title 5 Section 53200 (b):
Academic Senate means an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters.

Section 53200 (c):
"Academic and professional matter" means the following policy development and implementation matters:

1. Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines.
2. Degree and certificate requirements.
3. Grading Policies
4. Educational program development.
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success.
6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles.
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports.
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities.
9. Processes for program review.
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development.
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate.

This has been a very short week, due to two holidays and a flex day. As a result, there haven't been nearly as many meetings as usual, and much less business to bring to the Senate. I only have a few things to report this week:

At yesterday's **DBAC** meeting there was discussion of recommendations to the Board for their annual Budget Workshop this Saturday. DBAC has a very short list of priorities that it is recommending, which I will paraphrase here since I don't have the final wording in front of me:

- Restore as much FTES as practical, while balancing the budget by re-aligning expenditures and revenues.
- Implement a program to fund the OPEB unfunded liability (*retiree health benefits*)
- Move forward with facilities improvements (*particularly the Measure H projects*)

The budget workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. in Hospitality Management, and a continental breakfast will be served. I hope that as many faculty as possible will attend.

I have also forwarded an email from the ASCCC announcing the start of the biennial review of the Disciplines List, which governs the minimum qualifications for hiring faculty. Every department should take time to read this message and carefully consider the needs of their department and their discipline(s).

Finally, I want to remind you all that the State Academic Senate Plenary Session will be coming up in April. If there are any issues that you would like to see addressed on a larger scale – issues that you feel may warrant attention at the state level, or which could benefit from the support of the ASCCC – please consider crafting a resolution and bringing it to the Senate so that we can discuss whether to move it forward.

