



Special Message to Part-Time Faculty

Greetings to you all,

You have probably heard that the Pasadena City College Board of Trustees has, at the insistence of Dr. Rocha, approved a new “tri-mester” schedule that will eliminate the 2013 Winter Intersession and move up the beginning of Spring Semester to January 7. Following the Spring Semester, there will be two six week Summer Sessions. The Faculty Association, the Academic Senate, and the Student Association all opposed the sudden change, arguing that the Shared Governance process that calls for campus wide discussion and approval of major calendar changes had been ignored.

The Faculty Association has further argued that such a sudden calendar change will have significant impacts on the faculty. Especially vulnerable to this sudden shift are the part-time faculty who have to balance schedules at more than one college. The Faculty Association continues to argue against this change, and in order to strengthen the case, the Faculty Association would like to hear your concerns about this change.

The Faculty Association is particularly concerned that the new Academic Calendar at PCC will out of sync with all other colleges in the area. This could cause conflicts for part-time faculty. For example, are you scheduled to teach somewhere else in a Winter Intersession? Will the early start time of Spring Semester cause conflicts with other classes in your Spring schedule? Did you have plans that will conflict with a Spring start date of January 7th? Do you think that this change in the PCC calendar will make it harder for you to coordinate classes at multiple schools? If you think you may have any of these problems, the FA needs to hear from you right away. The FA is in negotiations with the District, and the more information we can get from those people who are affected by this change, the more effectively we can be in negotiating a new contract for all faculty.

Please send us your comments and questions as soon as possible. You can respond to facultyassociation@gmail.com or you can call the Faculty Association at (626) 585-7261. We will try to answer everyone’s questions. Thank you.

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