Notes of September 13, 2012 FA General Meeting

General announcements

* New FA office: CC204
* New FA website in the works – new look, interactivity, new tabs; suggestions welcome: http://www.pccfacultyassociation.org
* New Senate and FA statement of solidarity
* Discrepancies in paychecks and withdrawal of union dues. FA is aware and working on it.
* Friday Negotiations meeting - Sept 14–10am U246; pre-negotiation discussion- open to all

Negotiations update

FA is strongly opposed to the winter cancellation. Board approved the calendar committee’s calendar, which was the only one that was vetted. This new calendar is a material breach to the contract, and it will be pursued by the FA in legal avenues.

* ***ACTION REQUESTED:*** *Given that District’s trimester calendar comes mid-academic year, let FA know of any effects on you, for example disruption of travel plans, preparation for classes, etc.*

The Negotiations Team requested a list of data from the District as it pertains to the winter semester cut. Email the FA if you’d like a copy; it will also be on the website soon.

New District negotiation team is now 2 attorneys + President Rocha; prior to this were all the VPs + Dave Douglass+ 2 attorneys. September 13, 2012 the District will present its proposal to the FA.

“It’s clear that the pretense of budget crisis is used to circumvent shared governance.” There can’t possibly be financial savings and still have 2 summer sessions. Either they are not planning to have a second summer intersession (in other words, cut 1 summer), or they are indeed not going to be saving the money by cancelling winter.

President Rocha’s contract and salary will be on the FA website since his contract is not on the PCC site. The Board has already approved a raise every year, without employee evaluation.

***ACTIONS REQUESTED***

The FA needs faculty support! There is only so much the few board members can do alone.

1. “The board relies on faculty silence” [so] faculty should contact the board member in the area they live. Send a copy to the FA; share your frustration or concerns within the next few days. Non-tenured faculty may want to send to the FA and we’ll forward the letter to the Board without your name. Check out the new and developing FA website’s “Get Involved” tab for more information.
2. Given that District’s trimester calendar comes mid-academic year, faculty should let the FA know of any effects, for example disruption of travel plans, preparation for classes, etc.
3. Talk to student community members and write the Board of Trustees about the issues.
4. Stay tuned for request for faculty input [a poll] asking if we favor a vote of no confidence, a job action, etc.