

**Calendar Standing Committee
Statement to the Board of Trustees March 13, 2013**

Last year the Calendar Standing Committee submitted to the Board of Trustees a calendar that had been approved by the Academic Senate, College Council, and the PCC Faculty Association. The Board approved this calendar and it was sent to the Chancellor's office.

In August, after this calendar was in place and in use, the Board imposed its own calendar without consultation of any shared governance committee in violation of AB 1725. Since that time the college, in particular its students, have been in scheduling turmoil.

In January the Calendar Committee resumed its regular monthly meeting schedule, after cancellations in the Fall. Normally we would be working on calendars for 2014-15 at this time. We are far behind schedule because of the Board's action.

Dr. Bell canceled our February meeting abruptly without consultation or consent from the co-Chair Krista Walter, and without explanation. When Dr. Walter met with Dr. Bell, he indicated that he cancelled the meeting because we were unable to complete the "urgent" task of approving the Board's 13-14 calendar due to the number of concerned public comments regarding the pedagogical and practical merits of Winter and the blatant violation of shared governance.

In other words, we couldn't meet to do our work because we hadn't done enough work.

The committee met despite the improper cancellation, held our regular meeting for discussion only, and voted to hold another special meeting to resume the tasks this committee is charged with. Dr. Bell was not present at either of these meetings.

The charge of the Calendar Standing Committee—our mission—is to recommend a calendar that supports "***the pedagogical and operational needs of students, faculty, and staff within the framework of the negotiated agreements between the collective bargaining units and the District.***"

The committee is composed of representatives from all major constituencies on this campus. Our calendar is fully vetted through shared governance, which is the only process whereby the pedagogical and operational needs of this institution can be determined and supported.

Last year the Board of Trustees dismissed the many hours of research, consultation, and consideration performed by this committee and all of the other constituencies that

participated in this process. This year, Dr. Bell continues to violate the charge of the committee and ignore the shared governance process.

This past Monday Dr. Bell sent the calendar committee an email stating that the Board of Trustees “has acted and approved the Fall/Spring/Summer calendar for 2013-2014.” The calendar committee would like to know when that occurred.

According to the minutes of the 8/29/12 BOT meeting, a tentative 2012-2013 calendar was approved. No minutes from any meeting since include anything about a 13-14 calendar. Perhaps this is because it is not and never has been the Board’s purview or charge to determine the college’s calendar. Dr. Bell, and perhaps others, seems to think otherwise.

Prop 30 has passed. We see “blue skies” in the future, according to Dr. Rocha. We are no longer in a real or imaginary fiscal crisis.

However, we are in a pedagogical and operational crisis here at this college, due at least in part to the mismanagement of the calendar. The current imposed calendar without Winter is not a calendar for student success.

Based on data received from IPRO for terms from Fall 1992 through summer 2012, average retention and success rates for Fall, Spring and Summer terms are all significantly higher since Winter 2004, the first year we scheduled a Winter session. The student population has been increasing, but if it were constant, this would represent about 5000 more students succeeding in their classes due to Winter. Also, on average, about 5000 more students actually enrolled in Winter and Summer sessions combined than enrolled in summer when there was no Winter.

Based on our charge, the Calendar Committee is recommending to the Board of Trustees that the configuration of the calendar for 2013-2014 include a Winter session.