Academic Senate Meeting notes Monday, May 20th, 2013.

- Sandra Pesce read a prepared statement from the LRC regarding their concern over departmental libraries and their need for faculty to support them during the General Fund allocation process and to contact them when considering requisitions for materials like books and videos (etc.). Senator Sally Deaton responded that the LRC is supported by CTEA funding and that MPAROC has them as a “priority” with IT and FF&E. Senate Exec suggested that the LRC reactivate the LRC Committee, to which Sandra responded that they were still unsure whether doing so would help them. This was only supposed to be an informational announcement at Senate, but it could be something more.

- Faculty Hiring Criteria had a 2nd reading and was voted on such that it could move forward as a test drive in the fall. Vote passed.

- Senator Gwyn Enright and Sandra Pesce proposed setting up a Distance Learning Committee for City College. It would serve a communication function to alert faculty to policy matters concerning online education, as well as provide a forum to discuss online instructional issues. The committee is open to all faculty using distance education tools or who have an interest in distance ed.; you don’t have to be an online instructor to attend.

- Senators Abel Macias and Arnie Shoenberg had a first reading to formally propose amending the Bylaws of the Senate to reactivate the Legislative Action Committee.

- Dean Randy Barnes attended the Senate meeting to go over his proposed Grant Development Guidelines (a.k.a. “grant rant”), which were well-received by the Senators. Daphne Figueroa, President of Miramar’s Academic Senate, was in attendance and she explained the current status of the Grant Review Board (which had been approved by all four campus senates a year ago): it was discussed at District Governance Council, which did not want another layer of bureaucracy regarding grants, so they sent the issue back to the Senates to decide their role. This essentially would put grant review as a campus process. It was suggested that Randy do some rewording such that departments were considered early on in the process, and that transparency was clear. Senate Exec would also work on the document.

- Daphne Figueroa from Miramar was in attendance to present a “Resolution in Support of Amending Waiting Period to Retake Assessment/Placement Exam.” This would change the current three-year waiting period for retaking the same version of a placement exam to a one-year waiting period for English and ESOL.