

PVCC Faculty Senate News

April 2014

PVCC Faculty Senate Update

Your faculty senate met on Thursday, April 3rd. You can review the minutes and other documents at: <http://www2.pvc.maricopa.edu/senate/aye2014/index.htm>. The minutes and other documents are at the end of the page.

Faculty Senate Scholarship / Essay Writing Contest: We received three scholarship applications and eight essay contest submissions. These are in the process of being judged.

FEC News

Meet & Confer: A redlined version of the proposed RFP is now available on the Faculty Associations web site. You can view the document at:

<http://mccfa.wildapricot.org/Resources/Documents/Meet%20and%20Confer/2013-14/Redlined%20RFP%20for%202014-2015%20for%20Loop%20Out%20-%203-31-14%20v2.pdf>.

I encourage all to carefully read the changes. An RFP information session has been scheduled for April 11th at 10:00am-noon in KSC1000B. The sessions are to discuss the final changes to the RFP faculty will be voting on around April 28th – May 9th (tentative dates).

Faculty Association Dues: Dues will remain at the \$325 amount for next year. The FEC (Faculty Executive Council) also approved a discount of \$10 for those paying in full by the membership date as well as a new first year member discount of \$50. First year mid-year hired faculty will receive a discount of \$25.

Changes to Common Pages: There are some updates to the Catalog Common Pages for the following policies:

1. Administrative Regulation 2.2.4 - Credit for Prior Learning
2. Administrative Regulation 2.2.11 - Student Financial Assistance
3. 2.4.4 (See also 5.1.8) Sexual Harassment Policy for ~~Employees and~~ Students
4. Administrative Regulation 2.5.3 - Student Records

The corresponding rationale for each change is also listed. Comments will be taken through Friday, April 11th. Submit comments directly to: governance@domail.maricopa.edu

Proposed changes to the 2014-15 Catalog Common Pages have been posted for review and comment at the following link:

www.maricopa.edu/publicstewardship/governance/proposals/proposals.php

Proposed Change to Faculty Association Bylaws: A change in how the Faculty Professional Growth Committee (FPG) handles communication to the Faculty Executive Committee and faculty at-large and makeup of the FPG-PRC has been proposed. The text of the proposed change has been posted on our web site.

EDU250 for Dual-Enrollment Instructors: Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Marinick approved a course in Canvas that can be used to satisfy the EDU 250 requirement for dual enrollment instructors. This course is only to be used by dual enrollment instructors and not by adjunct or residential faculty, and will not count as EDU 250 credit.

College and Faculty News

Mentors Wanted: PVCC is in the process of hiring 18 new faculty. I also show we have 26 probationary faculty. Each of these will be part of the new PAR process. As part of the PAR process, each probationary faculty will need mentors to meet with the probationary faculty, conduct a classroom observation (not evaluation), provide feedback, and assist with the Individual Development Plan (IDP). Mentors must be appointive faculty and have completed a 2-hour training session. If you are interested, please let David Rubi, myself, or your Senator know.

Congratulations: Counseling Faculty, Cathy Mendoza earned her Ed.D. in Higher Education and Adult Learning from Walden University. Way to go!

Congratulations: After an MCCC internal search process, Christina Hundley has been selected as the Interim Director of Athletics. Christina officially began in that role on March 21st and will remain in it through the hiring of a Vice President of Student Affairs.

Meet Your Faculty

Kurt Hill



I grew up in Denver, then spent seven years attending a university in Utah, then moved to the Phoenix area in 1991. We originally lived in Mesa, but now live in south Gilbert across a farm field from CGCC.

I have been married 26 years, and we have 9 children, 2 grandsons, and one granddaughter. Four of our children have graduated from high school and are in various stages of working their way through the university experience (mechanical engineering, physical therapy, screenwriting/advertising, and early childhood education).

I have a B.S. and an M.S. from Brigham Young University in geography, specializing in climatology (climate change) and Latin American geography. While at BYU I was the official National Weather Service observer for the Provo, Utah, station for 5 years.

I moved to the Phoenix area in 1991 to pursue a Ph. D. in meteorology at ASU. While there I won the ASU weather forecasting competition.

I was a contract employee for the Salt River Project from 1991 to 1994. I worked in the water operations group, which is the part of SRP that oversees the operations of the dams. I was also involved in computer programming (in the SAS language), and oversaw the Phoenix PRISMS weather network as well as a Salt and Verde River satellite network. I was the day-to-day operational weather forecaster for SRP for almost two years. In January 1993, I was asked to serve as the scribe for the Emergency Operations Committee during the massive floods of that time. The committee included not only SRP, but all other agencies in the state with a stake in the flooding (DPS, Indian Affairs, Reclamation, AZDWR, etc., etc.). Some of those meetings got pretty hair-raising as there were frank discussions of potential catastrophic dam failures. At one point I was told by my boss that I was to pack a suitcase with at least a week's clothing and be prepared, if all the Phoenix area bridges were washed out, to be airlifted from Mesa to the SRP command center where I would live around the clock for several days.

From 1995 to 2001 I served as the president of the Central Arizona Chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

I was a missionary in Guayaquil, Ecuador from 1982-84, where I learned the Spanish language. Since I was hired by PVCC I have had the opportunity to participate in a handful of international faculty summer seminars, beginning with the Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP) through the East West Center at the University of Hawaii. I attended a PVCC program in Queretaro, Mexico; an ASDP experience at Beijing University; another ASDP experience at Hong Kong and Zhongshan Universities in southern China; a Japan Studies Association workshop at Tokai University in Honolulu; and an MCCC program in Santiago Chile in connection with the Universidad Mayor. On my own I spent 9 days visiting Lisbon, Portugal and Madrid and Toledo, Spain.

(FYI, my wife lived in Japan for three years through age 13; my oldest son was a missionary in Recife, Brazil; and my second son was a missionary in Asuncion, Paraguay – keeping up the international education theme in the Hill family.)

This is my 20th year at PVCC teaching geography, climatology, and meteorology. From 2001 to May 2013 I served as a division chair of a division that split twice (originally the Fitness / Social and Behavioral Sciences Division, including more than 15 different prefixes).

I hope everyone is having a good semester. If there is anything I can help you with, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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