
Rio Hondo College Academic Senate**Minutes****November 2, 2010****Board Room****1:00 p.m.**

Present: Lupe Alvarado; Robin Babou; Ada Brown; Brian Brutlag; Tom Callinan; Fran Cummings; Joaquin Duran; Marie Eckstrom; Alfred Forrest; Alonso Garcia; Lydia Gonzalez; Rebecca Green; Dale Harvey; Jorge Huinquez; George Kimber; Matt Koutroulis; David Lindy; Shin Liu; James Matthis; Carley Mitchell; Juana Mora; Vann Priest; Kathy Pudelko; Angela Rhodes; Henry Saucedo; Lorraine Sfeir; Gisela Spieler-Persad; Julius Thomas; Ralph Velazquez; Adam Wetsman; John Whitford

Absent: Frank Accardo; Katherin Brandt; John Frala; Mike Hinze; Mike Javanmard; Kathy Lopez; Daniel Osman; Catherine Page; Matthew Pitassi

Guests: Kathie O'Brien

I. Call to Order

- President Green convened the Senate at 1:03 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. President's Report

- Senate Guest: President Martinez (1) President Martinez attended the quarterly POST commission meeting with members of the LA County Police Chiefs Association and at which time the Association President acknowledged the Commission for the expediency of their process into the investigation. The current class will transition to the LA County Sheriff's Academy to finish their training. Tomorrow (November 3rd) the next group of 30 students will be interviewed to determine their status. There had been no assessment as to when we will get our accreditation back. (2) The quad is going to experience more change. The entire cement area outside the A-Building will be removed,

which will necessitate a six-month plan to relocate activities that have been previously occurring in the Upper Quad. The Lower Quad will be one area used to compensate, and there are plans to include seating areas for students behind the old Library and the LRC. The breezeway outside Old Library will remain as is.

Question: What is the process for interim deans?

Response: There will be an announcement for an interim. There will be an internal application process, followed by interviews, and selection.

- Faculty Hiring Committee: The Theater Technician faculty hiring committee has requested that a technologically knowledgeable classified staff member be included on the committee because of the unique expertise required by the applicants. Classified staff do not participate in faculty hiring, but in this special case, both the academic department and Human Resources have agreed to this one time exception. The topic of faculty hiring committees, thus, has been opened. The old policy will be reviewed. Vann Priest, Juana Mora, and Rebecca Green will participate in the review.
- Policy on Academic Renewal: On December 1, 2000, the Senate proposed its policy on academic renewal. It will go to PFC and then on to the Board for approval.
- Instructional Technology Committee: This committee will require two faculty from each department. Please forward names of interested faculty to Rebecca Green.
- Academic Senate Fall Plenary Session: Fran Cummings, Julius Thomas, John Frala, and Rebecca Green will attend. Julius will send out the resolutions tomorrow to all Senators. Please forward opinions to Julius.

IV. Unfinished Business

- Library Audio Visual Task Force: Judy Marks (DSP&S) has been serving on the committee, and she has been invaluable.

She has done a lot of research, and has reported that the ADA office does not think we should necessarily discard our video collection; however, the Chancellor's Office is recommending this move. Dan Rubalcava, representing the college concerns, will attend the next meeting of this task force.

- Grading Policy Subcommittee: A copy of AP 4231 containing suggested additions was considered. The added sentences include: "A student has one year from the end of the term in question to request a grade change," and "All returned student work must be retained by the student as documented evidence in order to pursue a request for a grade change."

MOTION: The Senate moves to accept the recommended changes to AP 4231 concerning grade changes. (Adam Wetsman, Brian Brutlag; MSPU)

V. **New Business**

- SLO/Planning Discussion: Colin Young reported that the RHCFA has started contract negotiations for the 2010-13 academic years. Two proposals deal with SLOs and planning. These duties are not specified in the Contract and should either be compensated or streamlined. The RHCFA asked the Senate for a committee to investigate this concern. Volunteers included Adam Wetsman, Colin Young, Matt Koutroulis, and Lydia Gonzalez. If others are interested, please contact Rebecca Green.
- Intersession: A proposition to eliminate Intersession 2012 and move the courses into the spring semester was made by Administration. The explanation centered on the need for campus maintenance. Discussion ensued and focused on the need for data to enhance this proposal
- Safety Discussion: We are reminded that there are safety/fire regulations that govern the number of persons/desks each room can accommodate. Faculty are asked to adhere to the current posting indicating this, and should a posting be missing, please report it to Facilities as soon as possible.

VI. Committee Reports

- Academic Rank: No report.
- Bookstore: No report.
- Curriculum: Continuous enrollment currently is defined as enrollment in at least one course in two years. Curriculum would like to reconsider this definition. Julius Thomas will meet with Fran Cummings to investigate this.
- FLEX/Staff Development: No report.
- IEC: No report.
- MIS: No report.
- Safety: No report.
- Program Review: No report.
- SLOs: No report.
- Virtual College: No report.

VII. Announcements

- There were no announcements.

VIII. Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.