
RIO HONDO COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE**MINUTES****October 7, 2008****Board Room****1:00 p.m.**

Present: Frank Accardo, Lupe Alvarade, Robin Babou, Robert Bethel, Brian Brutlag, Marie Eckstrom, Jennifer Fernandez, Rebecca Green, Jorge Huinquez, Melissa Rufino Juarez, Doreen Kaller, Matt Koutroulis, David Lindy, Mark Littrell, Jennette Noriega, Gil Puga, Beverly Reilly, Lisette Rhi, Barbara Salazar, Henry Saucedo, Kendra Seiler, Jody Senk, Shelly Spencer, Gisela, Spieler, Julius Thomas, Bianca Urquidi, John Whitford,

Absent: Ada Brown, Alyson Cartagena, John Frala, Thersa Freije, Alfred Forest, Barbara Keith, Juana Mora, Catherine Page, Vann Priest, Lorraine Sfeir, Jim Zaharek

I. Call to Order

President Reilly called the Senate meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A correction to the minutes of September 16, 2008 was noted in the Academic Rank report. Matt Koutroulis and Barbara Salazar were added to the committee. The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

III. President's ReportWASC Accreditation Visit

- The Rio Hondo College Mission Statement should be in every room throughout the campus.
- The Rio Hondo report, titled Application for Reaffirmation of Accreditation, is published and available for all to read.
- The Accreditation Team arrives on Monday, October 13, 2008. On Tuesday, October 14, 2008 they will meet with various constituent groups and individuals the entire day.
- There will be an exit meeting open to the campus on Thursday, October 16, 2008. The Accreditation Team will deliver their preliminary report at that time. The final and official report, when completed, will be forwarded to the WASC office.

Awards and Exemplary Programs

- Please be aware that the State Senate sponsors several awards for outstanding faculty and programs. Rio Hondo's applicant Ray Williams won the Hayward Award the first time we competed. Please be thinking about individuals and/or programs that may qualify and compete for such awards.

Part-Time Teaching Load

- Assembly Bill (AB) 591 changes the maximum part-time teaching load from 60% to 67%. This change may impact Senate membership.

Local Senate Visit to Rio Hondo College

- President Reilly reports that on Saturday, October 18, 2008 seven local Academic Senate Presidents will visit Rio Hondo College to discuss common concerns affecting the Academic Senates in California.

California State Senate Visit

- Academic State Senate of California Community Colleges (ASCCC) President Mark Wade Liu and Scott Lay from the Community College League of California (CCLC) will visit Rio Hondo College on Monday, December 8, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The meeting will be open to all constituencies: faculty, staff, students, and administrators.

ASCCC Board of Governors

- There are faculty seats on the Board of Governors, staggered at two-year terms. Please consider applying for such a position.

IV. Old Business

Articulation Concerns

- Charlie McFarland reports that University of Southern California (USC) does not accept (for transfer) any of Rio Hondo College's online courses. This is not a new occurrence, as they have had this policy for about 10 years. He explained that occasionally former Rio students have returned, asking for evidence that the courses on their Rio Hondo transcript are not online courses. This necessitates proof in the form of a copy of the original Schedule of Classes. Charlie emphasized that the USC position on online courses applies to all schools, not just Rio Hondo College.
- This issue highlights a greater concern over the transferability of online courses. Therefore, the Senate asks that our Articulation Officer to investigate this issue and report back to the body.

MOTION: It was moved that the Articulation Officer report to the Senate how many local, private, CSU, and UCs question online offerings and on what basis, to be reported to the Senate. Puga, Bethel, MSPU

Online Integrity

- We should address issues of authentication and integrity in online courses. Melissa Rufino Juarez noted that the California State Senate has issued 15 ways to authenticate in online instruction.

Virtual College Bylaws

- The Senate needs clarification about the Virtual College, its Bylaws, and the extant committees. The Senate asked for an ad hoc investigative task force to sort out the state(s) of the Bylaws and committees. Matt Koutroulis (Chair), Jodi Senk, Mike Javanmard, and Vann Priest volunteered.

V. New Business

Basic Skills

- The initial budget allocation for the state Basic Skills Initiative was revised based on objections from members of the Basic Skills Committee. The job description for the new Assistant Dean position will go to the Planning Fiscal Council today as an information item.

Printing on Campus

- Rebecca Green reported that as a result of Ron Christie's e-mail restricting student printing on campus, her students were adversely impacted. Although the Senate acknowledges the expense involved in student printing on campus, it is unfair to invoke this mid-semester restriction. Until the College can install the pay-per-copy system with a prepaid swipe card, we urge the College to ease this restriction.

Recycling on Campus

- Dave Lindy reported that he would like to increase our efforts in recycling cans and bottles. We have a few options to address this concern (1) partnering with the San Gabriel Conservation Corps, (2) establishing a Recycling Club on campus, (3) working with our custodial staff.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Academic Rank. Gisela Spieler reports that the Academic Rank committee sent out its first notice, calling for application. Two more notices will be sent out. The deadline is November 15, 2008.

B. Bookstore. No report.

C. Curriculum. Jennette Noriega reports that the Curriculum website has been updated. Jennette urged us to complete the process of creating degrees as soon as possible. The forms are on the P-Drive, and Division

approval is needed in the forms of a motion as reflected in the division minutes.

D. FLEX. The first round of FLEX reports for part-time faculty will be released next week (10/13 to 10/17). The full-time reports will be issued after October 23, 2008.

E. MIS. No report.

F. SLOs. The first meeting of the year will be on Thursday, October 9, 2008. Matt Koutroulis, SLO Coordinator, asks that every academic department send representatives to the meeting. Matt is soliciting ideas for assessing institutional SLOs.

G. Virtual College. Since it has been covered at length during this meeting, no additional report was given.

VII. Announcements

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m. by President Reilly.