Present: Robin Babou, Katherin Brandt, Ada Brown, Brian Brutlag, Alyson Cartagena, Marie Eckstrom, John Frala. Theresa Freije, Alonso Garcia, Rebecca Green, Dale Harvey, Jorge Hunguiz, Mike Javanmard, Matt Koutroulis, David Lindy, Katherine Lopez, Daniel Osman, Catherine Page, Vann Priest, Beverly Reilly, Melissa Ríftino-Juarez, Henry Saucedo, Jody Senk, Gisela Spieler-Persad, Julius Thomas
Guests: Manuel Baca, Katie OBrien

I. Call to Order

- The Academic Senate meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by President Reilly.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- The minutes were approved as presented.

III. Committee Reports

- Curriculum: No report.
- FLEX/Staff Development: There will be an after graduation get-together in uptown Whittier. Please RSVP to the Staff Development office.
- Institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC): The planning process survey has been distributed via e-mail. Today is the last day to respond to the survey. A climate survey will be sent out via e-mail tomorrow. The IEC is currently working on the planning calendar for next year to ensure that there is more time allotted for the planning process.
- Program Review: Program Review will now occur on a six year cycle and will include both academic and non-academic programs.
• **SLOs**: The SLO committee has agreed to its bylaws and its SLO timeline through 2012. The committee also approved implementation for next set of general education and degree SLOs.

• **Virtual College**: No report.

• **MIS**: New program upgrade to 8 new program allows more options for wait listing (what are the rules? We have to rethink that—we will ask direction)

• **WASC**: The Accreditation Response Team held a telephone conference call with Jack Pond, a WASC official. The purpose of the conversation was to determine if we were adequately responding to the WASC recommendations. It “seems” that Rio is “on the right track” in this manner. A crucial point is that where a policy is in place, it must be clearly understood by all and followed.

### IV. President’s Report

• The President’s Report was sent via e-mail prior to the Academic Senate meeting. Comments and questions may be addressed at the meeting, but no formal report will be orally issued.

• RHC has a strong tradition of process, and it appears that process may be compromised. As an example, there are two interim dean positions, Dean of Business and Dean of Student Services. On the last Board of Trustees agenda review, these two positions were placed on the agenda as temporary hourly positions. Our past practice has been to fly interim positions first in-house, and that practice has been bypassed.

• **Imagine Cup**: There was a celebration last Tuesday for the Imagine Cup Team, who competed in a Microsoft contest in Boston recently. One administrator (Henry Gee) was present among parents, students, the Dean of Business, and the team’s faculty sponsor, Shin Liu. It is encouraged that the team should be formally recognized by the Board of Trustees.

• The Rio Hondo College bond credit rating has increased from double A-minus to double A.

### V. Old Business
• **Ethics Policy.** It was suggested that an abbreviated form of the ethics policy be included on the mission and values posters.
• **Summer Senate Meeting.** On Tuesday, July 7th there will be a summer Senate meeting, with a Planning Fiscal Council (PFC) meeting to follow.

**VI. New Business**

• **Board of Governors.** Manual Baca thanked the Senate for his nomination to the Board of Governors. He has accepted the two-year appointment and will regularly report back to the Senate.
• **Advanced Placement.** New resolutions have been introduced to allow community colleges to apply appropriate results from AP exams to general education toward an AA degree. It is recommended that all community colleges approve this to benefit students. As an example, AP Spanish applies to the humanities area. If approved we can add an addendum to the catalog. Cal States and UCs have already adopted the policy.

MOTION: The Senate moves that we adopt the Advanced Placement polices as adopted by the California State Senate. (J. Thomas, H. Sauceda, 2nd Henry MSPU)

• **Senate Executive Transition.** President Reilly was commended for her exemplary Senate leadership during the 2008-09 academic year.

**VI. Announcements**

• Theresa Freije announced that there will be creative writing club starting next year.
• President Reilly presented the new Rio Hondo College Academic Senate President for 2009-10, Mike Javanmard.
• Mike Javanamad presented outgoing President Reilly with a commendation from the Academic Senate.

**VII. Public Comment**
VIII. Adjournment

- President Javanmard adjourned the Senate meeting at 2:03 p.m.