
**Rio Hondo College Academic Senate
Minutes
July 7, 2009
Board Room
1:30 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

- President Mike Javanmard called the special summer Senate meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- Approval of the minutes of the last Senate meeting (May 19, 2009) were deferred until the first Academic Senate meeting of the 2009-10 academic year.

III. Committee Reports

- Academic Rank: No report.
- Bookstore: No report.
- Curriculum: No report.
- FLEX/Staff Development: No report.
- IEC: No report.
- MIS: Colin Young will be reporting on Banner implementation this year.
- Program Review: No report.
- SLOs: No report.
- Virtual College: No report.
- WASC: No report.

IV. President's Report

- President Javanmard informed the Senate that he will write a "Senate Statement to the Board" each month. The statement will be sent to Senators in order that senatorial comments and feedback can be elicited prior to its delivery at the monthly Board of Trustees meeting.

V. Old Business

- There were no items for consideration under Old Business.

VI. New Business

- Accreditation Response Team (ART) Report: Joanna Downey and Katie O'Brien brought to the Senate the first draft of the WASC Accreditation Response Report. The document had been sent to the Senate prior to this summer meeting, so that Senators would have the opportunity to comment on the draft. Responses to Recommendations 3 and 6 have been omitted from this draft but will be included in the drafts to come.
- Senatorial comments included suggestions for more specificity and examples to illustrate progress, especially regarding the institutional planning process. Even though back-up documentation will be included in the final documents examples help the reader to fully envision the progress we have made.
- Other comments included the following: (1) label and reconsider the placement of selected visuals; (2) ensure that the process for hiring administrators is explicit; (3) explain the process for including Program Review (Executive Summaries) in the planning (resource allocation) process; (4) explain the problems we encountered during the "Beta" planning process.

VII. Announcements

- There were no announcements.

VIII. Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

- President Javanmard adjourned the special summer Academic Senate meeting at 2:20 p.m.

