I. Call to Order
   • President Javanmard called the Senate meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

II. Approval of the Minutes
   • The minutes were approved with two minor corrections.

III. President’s Report
   • BP Approval Form: This proposal has received favorable response from the administration. Matt Koutroulis proposed a Board Policy wiki for discussion and proposed changes.
   • Luminous: Luminous will be the new Banner portal through which students can register, add, drop, etc.
   • Increasing AA/AS Degrees: Administration is encouraging an increase in the number of AA/AS degrees. The administration identified one factor that may inhibit this as our PE requirement, which is currently two classes. Hard data needs to be gathered to support this assertion. It was pointed out that K-12 students in the Whittier systems exhibit the highest obesity rate in the state of California and that the PE Department generates a large number of FTEs.
IV. New Business

- **Elections of New Senators:** Divisions are advised to hold elections for new Senators as soon as possible. New Senators are encouraged to attend the last two Senate meetings.

- **Blackboard Transition:** The Virtual College will transition from 8.0 to 9.0 on June 1st, 2010. Blackboard will reduce the services of the older version, and the newer version is more 508 compliant. The VC will upgrade the test server in March, and release the test accounts to online instructors in April, at which time online instructors can start to input their courses. Training for 9.0 will be offered starting in April through June.

- **Coordinators:** The Senate discussed the way(s) faculty coordinators obtain their positions. There should be a fair and transparent process for faculty coordinator positions.

  **MOTION:** The Senate asks that faculty coordinator positions be vetted through the Senate for review, discussion, and endorsement. (Belen Torres-Gil/Catherine Page, MSPU)

The discussion concerning faculty coordinators ensued and focused on the newly-created position of coordinator of the upcoming Leadership Academy.

  **MOTION:** Both the District and the Academic Senate will have three representatives on a committee for choosing the coordinator of the Leadership Academy. The coordinator will be chosen by a consensus of the committee members. (Rebecca Green/Vann Priest, MSPU)

V. Unfinished Business

- **BP/AP Change Form**

- **Credit by External Examination/CLEP:** Dorali Pichardo-Diaz presented information from the California Community College State Academic Senate urging local Senates to consider adoption and implementation of AP equivalency tests and asking them to adopt the standardized template. The presentation also encouraged the Academic Senate to direct its Senators to go back
to their divisions, conduct discussions about awarding credit for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and solicit/provide input on criteria for utilization of CLEP at Rio Hondo.

MOTION: The Senate moves to adopt the list of Advanced Placement (AP) scores of 3 or better for area credit. (Matt Koutroulis/ Gisela Spieler-Persad, TABLED)

VI. Committee Reports
   • Academic Rank: No report until next academic year.
   • Awards: No report.
   • Bookstore: No report.
   • Curriculum: There will be a 640 page agenda at tomorrow’s meeting.
   • FLEX/Staff Development: No report.
   • IEC: No report.
   • MIS: No report.
   • Program Review: No report.
   • SLOs: No report
   • Virtual College: No report

VII. Announcements
   • John Frala reports that on March 11th a $460,000 grant for plug-in card was awarded to Rio Hondo from the State of California.

VIII. Public Comment
   • No public comments.

IX. Adjournment
   • President Javanmard adjourned the meeting at 2:22 pm.