Rio Hondo College Academic Senate
Minutes
April 6, 2010
Board Room
1:00 p.m.

Present: Robin Babou; Ada Brown; Brian Brutlag; Tom Callinan; Joaquin Duran; Marie Eckstrom; Alfred Forrest; Alonso Garcia; Rebecca Green; Dale Harvey; Jennifer Tanaka; Jorge Huinquez; Mike Javanmard; Matt Koutroulis; David Lindy; Kathy Lopez; James Matthis; Lydia Okelberry; Daniel Osman; Catherine Page; Matthew Pitassi; Vann Priest; Kathy Pudelko; Beverly Reilly; Belen Torres-Gil; Henry Sauceda; Shelly Spencer; Gisela Spieler-Persad; Julius Thomas; Adam Wetsman; John Whitford

Absent: Frank Accardo; Katherin Brandy; John Frala; George Kimber; Shin Liu; Juana Mora; Carley Mitchell; Barbara Salazar

Guests: Katie O’Brien Jenni; Tanaka; Michelle Pilati; Colin Young

I. Call to Order
- President Javanmard called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes
- The minutes were approved as presented.

III. President’s Report
- The Spring Academic Senate Plenary Session will take place from April 15 to 17th, with voting on the various resolutions to occur on Saturday.

2.03:

MOTION: The Academic Senate moves to direct out ASCCC representative to vote in support of Resolution 2.03 (Vote of No Confidence on the Leadership of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, ACCJC) (Belen Torres-Gil/Beverly Reilly, MSPU)

- The Spring Session Resolutions from Academic Senate have been sent to Senators for consideration. Senators are encouraged to respond to John Frala concerning their opinions.
- Upcoming Senatorial Elections: Matt Koutroulis reminded the divisions to hold elections for upcoming vacant Senate seats. Our bylaws indicate we should hold Senate Exec elections in April, but this bylaw was predicated on our old 18-week academic calendar and took into consideration only one Senate meeting in May. Since we have gone to a 16-week calendar, the bylaws need adjusting, which we will do in a future meeting. Thus, instead of taking nominations for Senate Exec today, a proposal to delay nominations until next meeting was put forth, with elections to take place on May 4th.
MOTION: The Academic Senate moves to hold nominations for Senate Exec on April 20th, with voting to follow on May 4th. (Matt Koutroulis/Henry Saucedo, MSP, one abstention)

IV. Unfinished Business

- **CLEP**: Counselor Jorge Huinquez presented information on the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). The Senate needs to establish a policy for accepting CLEP scores, which would be used for our degree only—not for transfer credit. Institutions to which students transfer can determine if credit will be given for CLEP scores.

MOTION: The Academic Senate moves that after a student has met the 12 unit residence requirement at Rio Hondo, qualifying CLEP scores may be considered for credit towards a Rio Hondo degree. (Jorge Huinquez/Catherine Page, MSP, one opposed, two abstentions)

V. New Business

- **Early College Academy**: The concept underlying the Early College Academy is to bring the college to the local high school campuses (specifically El Rancho and Mt. View) by offering transfer-level courses on the high school campuses to prepared high school students. The program started with Counseling 151 and is now moving toward offering Speech 101, Biology 101, English 101, Art 108, and History 159, and Child Development. If the high school teachers teach these courses they must meet the minimum qualifications. The Senate discussion centered on the following points.
  1. The Senate questions why high school teachers would be preferred over our existing faculty.
  2. The Senate questions restricting enrollment to high school students, especially when our continuing students may be unable to enroll in these classes on campus.
  3. The Senate asks if the course offerings on campus will be reduced proportionately to the offerings off campus.
  4. The Senate asks why the plans for this program have not been in any of the planning documents, as reported by members of the Institutional Planning Committee (IEC).
  5. The Senate asks how course curriculum, SLOs, and other instructional and student support matters will be monitored.

MOTION: The Academic Senate directs the Senate president to address the Board of Trustees regarding the Senate’s concerns in this matter. (Beverly Reilly/Belen Torres-Gil, MSPU).

VI. Committee Reports

- Awards: No report.
- Bookstore: No report.
• Curriculum: No report.
• FLEX/Staff Development. No report
• IEC: No report.
• MIS: No report
• SLOs: No report

VII. Announcements
• A fire drill is scheduled for the near future. The date it yet-to-be determined.

VIII. Public Comment
• No comment.

IX. Adjournment
• President Javanmard adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.