I. **Call to Order**
   - President Javanmard called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

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

III. **President’s Report**
   - **Faculty Evaluation:** The President of the Faculty Association informed the Senate that in order to change the current faculty evaluation procedure the Faculty Association must consult with the Senate. Three administrators and three faculty are currently looking at the procedure. No major changes are anticipated save an adjustment in the timeline due to the shortened academic calendar. Questions concerning this topic should be directed to Adam Wetsman.
   - **Early College Academy:** President Javanmard informed the Senate that he addressed the Board of Trustees at their April 7th Board meeting regarding the Early College Academy (EAC). The President of the College assures the Senate that proper assessment of potential students, integrity of curriculum, and assurance of minimal qualifications of instructors will be
maintained. However, Senate is concerned that the ECA was not brought forth through the in-place strategic planning process (IEC, Senate, PFC, etc.) and a clear lack of communication about the EAC continues to dismay the Senate. In addition, the fact that Rio Hondo’s continuing students will be precluded from enrolling in the EAC courses raises questions about equal access to educational opportunities.

IV. Committee Reports

- **Academic Rank**: No report.
- **Bookstore**: No report.
- **Curriculum**: No report.
- **FLEX/Staff Development**: No report.
- **IEC**: No report.
- **MIS**: No report.
- **Program Review**: No report.
- **SLOs**: No report
- **Safety**: There will be a fire drill in May, probably on a Wednesday.
- **Virtual College**: No report.

IV. New Business

- **Senate Nominations**: Nominations for Senate Exec will be open for one week.

- **Math 72/Graduation Requirement**: The Math Department requests that the Senate approve their new course, the Mathematics of Money, Math 72, as an additional course to satisfy the Math graduation requirement.

  MOTION: The Senate moves to include Mathematics of Money (Math 72) as an additional course to satisfy the Rio Hondo math graduation requirement. (Julius Thomas/Adam Wetsman, MSPU)

- **Senate Guest, Vice President Paul Parnell**:
  1. Vice President Parnell announced that there were four college wide coordinator positions recently announced: Honors (40%), Study Abroad (10%), Staff Development
2. Dr. Parnell noted that Administration has consulted with Alice Tirre, Shari Magnus, Frank O’Kelly, and Voiza Arnold in following past practice in filling college wide coordinator positions.

3. The (past practice) procedure is coordinated by Human Resources, and the Vice President along with a member of the Senate conduct an interview. The final decision rests with the Vice President.

4. The Senate had proposed by means of a motion that the procedure include three faculty and three administrators who arrive at a decision via consensus (mutual agreement). Dr. Parnell responded, stating that current practice includes one faculty member but the possibility of adding more may at some time be (re)considered.

5. The Senate notes inconsistency in the past practice, citing the procedure for filling the Virtual College Coordinator position and asks for consistency.

6. In regard to the Early College Academy, Counseling notes that the minimum qualifications for a counselor position qualify a candidate to counsel students, not to teach in a classroom. The Counseling Department determines when a counselor is experienced enough to teach.

7. Dr. Parnell assured the Senate that the assignment of classes in the ECA will follow in-place division procedures for assigning classes.

8. The Senate expresses very serious concern about moving an existing on-campus course section offsite to the ECA, especially when this may preclude ongoing students the opportunity to enroll in the course. This is especially of concern to impacted programs and departments.

- **Senate Plenary Report:** John Frala, ASCC representative, reports that the state is revising the minimum qualifications for certain areas. The State senate is also looking into accreditation agencies other than WASC.

- **Senate Bylaws:** The Senate Bylaws discussion is continued to the next meeting.
VI. Unfinished Business

VII. Announcements
   • The Writes of Spring, the Communications and Languages’’
     Division annual event celebrating writers and writing will be held
     on Wednesday, April 29th and Thursday, April 29th in the Wray
     Theater. All are invited.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjournment
   • President Javanmard adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.