I. Call to Order
   • President Javanmard called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

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

III. President’s Report
   • President Martinez addressed the Senate as an invited guest and addressed three topics.
     Participatory Government: President Martinez emphasized his commitment to participatory government. He suggested forming a task force to clarify the academic and professional matters under the purview of the Senate in order to create a Board Policy to that effect.
     Monthly Address to the Senate: President Martinez would like to attend the Senate once a month for about ten minutes in order to answer questions and address issues and concerns of the Senate.
     Administrative Reorganization: The Senate expressed concerns about the impending administrative reorganization, specifically focusing on the fact that the Planning and Fiscal Council (PFC) was not consulted prior to its announcement.

   • Commendation: Rebecca Green asked to Senate to award the commendation at this time due to time constraints. The Senate awarded Alice Tirre a Senatorial Commendation and honored her with a rousing, long-enduring, and endearing standing ovation.
IV Unfinished Business

• **Bookstore Concern**: The Senate discussed concerns about bookstore policies restricting the amount of annotations/notes students may write in rented textbooks. In addition, many faculty are unaware of the fact that their adopted texts are being made available for rent without their knowledge and/or expressed consent.

  MOTION: The Senate moves that the Rio Hondo College bookstore give faculty the option to opt out of the book rental program. (Mike Javanmard, Marie Eckstrom)
  Amendment: The motion would apply to online options as well. (Brian Brutlag, MSPU)

• **English Graduation Requirement**: The English department would like to make the English graduation requirement English 101 with a “C” or better.

  MOTION: The Senate moves to endorse the English department request to make English 101 with a grade of “C” or better a graduation requirement. (Marie Eckstrom, Mike Javanmard; MSPU)

V. New Business

• **Commendation**: The commendation for Alice Tirre was moved to President’s Report because of time constraints.

• **Senate Guest, Henry Gee, VP, Student Services**:

  Henry Gee reported that course sections offered through the Early College Academy will not be counted against the number of sections allocated to divisions and will be funded through other sources. Gee clarified that the majority of the instructors will come from our current instructor pools.
  In addition, Gee reviewed the history of high school students taking courses at the college, including Gear-Up, the dual-enrollment program, and educational partnerships.
  Gee also presented information on the math and writing graduation requirements as well as transcript evaluation services.
  He explained the commitments between El Monte Union District and Rio Hondo detailed in the “El Monte Union College Pledge” (distributed to the Senate).

  MOTION: The Senate moves to support the El Monte Union College Pledge. (Gisela Spieler-Persad, Julius Thomas; MSPU)

• **Distance Education Task Force (Instructional Technology Council ITC)**

  A suggestion was made to form a subcommittee of the Virtual College
committee that would address the effectiveness of online education with a specific goal of illustrating quality online delivery.

**MOTION:** A motion was proposed to establish a subcommittee of the Virtual College (Javanmard) and tabled until fall.

VI. **Committee Reports**
- Awards: No report.
- Bookstore: No report; already addressed (above).
- Curriculum: Divisions were consulted and approval obtained for endorsement of Advanced Placement (AP) list.
- FLEX/Staff Development: No report.
- IEC: No report.
- MIS: No report
- Safety: A fire drill is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2010.
- SLOs: No report.
- Virtual College: No report.

VII. **Announcements**
- There were no announcements.

VIII. **Public Comment**
- There were no public comments.

IX. **Adjournment**
- The Senate adjourned at 2:20 p.m.