
Rio Hondo College Academic Senate
Minutes
March 1, 2011
Board Room
1:00 p.m.

Present: Lupe Alvarado; Frank Accardo; Robin Babou; Katherin Brandt; Ada Brown; Brian Brutlag; Fran Cummings; Joaquin Duran; Alonso Garcia; Lydia Gonzalez; Mike Javanmard; George Kimber; Matt Koutroulis, Kathy Lopez; Shin Liu; James Mathis; Carley Mitchell; Juana Mora; Daniel Osman; Catherine Page; Matthew Pitassi; Ted Preston; Vann Priest; Beverly Reilly; Henry Saucedo; Lorraine Sfeir; Gisela Spieler-Persad; Julius Thomas; Ralph Velazquez; Adam Wetsman; John Whitford

Absent: Tom Callinan; John Frala; Mike Hinze; Jorge Huinquez; David Lindy; Kathy Pudelko; Ron Reeder

Guests: Manuel Baca; Terry Keller; Katie O'Brien; Colin Young; Iliana Garcia (Student Trustee)

I. Call to Order

- The Senate was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. President's Report

- Instructional Technology Committee: The Instructional Technology Committee (ITC) held its fledgling meeting on Tuesday, February 15th. This committee, which has division representatives with commensurate technical savvy and content specific expertise, will deal with the technical and operational aspects of the Virtual College and address technological issues and innovations facing all instructors, either on ground or online. At their first meeting, they voted to switch from Blackboard 9.0 to 9.1, and the Senate leaves the timing of the move to those members of the committee who represent the current virtual

college faculty. Their second meeting will occur today at 2:30 in the Board Room.

- 2011 Presidential Gala: This year's RHC Foundation Gala focuses on the GIS Technology Program: Preparing Our Workforce - New Careers in Technology, Environmental Technology Program Automotive and Alternative Energy Programs and ill spotlight and raise funds for Architecture, Civil, and Engineering Design Drafting Technology Programs (ACEDD-CAD). Funds will also be generated to cover RHC Foundation operational expenses such as administering the campus scholarship program and obtaining a variety of grants and donations for college programs. In addition to funds raised, the Gala also promotes the image of the campus in the community, highlighting the importance of the training provided to our students. The recipient of the President's Award, Tom Lazear, has been a generous donor of software to our Annual High School contest put on by the ACEDD-CAD program. Tom was also an instructor of our first CAD class at Rio Hondo in 1982. Tickets sell at \$125 each in a table of ten or \$150 individually. For more information, please contact Terry Keller at tkeller@riohondo.edu or the RHC Foundation office.
- Update on the Early College Academy: During the April 19th Senate meeting, Henry Gee and Mike Munoz will address the Senate with an update on the Early College Academy.
- Strengthening Student Success Conference: This conference, which will take place in San Francisco in October, provides an opportunity to engage with others about strategies for building institutional effectiveness and student learning. They are currently asking for proposals. For more information please refer to <http://www.rpgroup.org/events/SSS11>.
- PFC Meeting with Victoria Simmons: A meeting was held last Tuesday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. during which time the Planning Fiscal Council (PFC) and the President addressed unresolved issues concerning the purview, operation, and philosophy of the Planning Fiscal Council. A Task Force will further the process next week and report back to the PFC the following week.
- Faculty Hiring Committee: The faculty hiring committee will meet on Friday, March 11th for its first time in years. We look forward to hearing of your progress.

- Academic Rank: Those receiving Tenure will be honored at the next Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, March 9th. The recognition will occur at the beginning of the meeting. All are invited to attend. Pizza will be offered by the Faculty Association just prior to the Board Meeting. Those receiving advancement in Academic Rank will be honored during the April Board meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business

- Co-Requisite Drops: Kats Gustafson reported to the Senate via e-mail that, currently, when a student registers in a course that has a co-requisite, s/he must enroll in both courses. After the course begins, the student can drop one of the co-requisites without any alert. If we tie the courses together, we need to do it for ALL co-requisites in the system, for the system will not allow us to “pick-and-choose” which courses to allow students to complete and which to drop. This would cause a significant problem since many co-requisites are (and/or) pre-requisites. If the co-requisite is also a pre-requisite then the student would not be able to register for just one of the co-requisites as the system will alert the student to register for both. In order for the student to be able to drop the co-requisite after having to register for both, a manual override will need to be done. The next step is to see if a program can be written for individual courses that require co-requisites only.
- Academic Issues related to Summer and Intersession 2012: The Academic Senate discussed the proposed changes to Intersession and Summer 2012.

MOTION: The Academic Senate moves to retain the *status quo* in regard to Intersession and Summer Session(s) for the next two years, 2012-2013. (Julius Thomas, Joaquin Duran, MSP, one dissenting vote)

- Board Policy 2209, Academic Rank: The Academic Rank committee will review the current policy to ready it to be included in the Board Policies which have renumbers in the 4000s.

V. New Business

- Senate Guest, Manual Baca. Report on the Board of Governors and the Task Force on Student Success: Manual Baca explained that Senate Bill 1143 establishes a task force charged with developing a plan which will ultimately be submitted to the Board of Governors and the Legislature. This Task Force will include active involvement of various constituencies from across the state. The Task Force will focus on Teaching/Learning, Support Services, and Access/Affordability. A beginning framework for the discussion will be built on the themes of the following: set state and campus completion goals, uniformly measure progress and success, move toward uniform assessment, shift to performance funding, reduce time to degree and accelerate success, transform remediation, and restructure delivery for today's students.
- Accreditation Response Team Update: The Senate unanimously reaffirmed Katie O'Brien as Accreditation Response Team co-chair.

VI. Committee Reports

- Academic Rank: Previously discussed.
- Bookstore: No report.
- Curriculum: Curriculum is still accepting items.
- FLEX/Staff Development: No report.
- IEC: No report
- MIS: No report
- Safety: No report
- Program Review: Executive Summaries were sent to all Senators.
- SLOs: No report.
- Virtual College: No report.

VII. Announcements

- There were no announcements.

VIII. Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.