Rio Hondo College Academic Senate
Minutes
February 21, 2012 (draft)
Board Room
1:00 P.M.

Present: Lupe Alvarado, Robin Babou, Ada Brown, Brian Brutlag, Tom Callinan, Fran Cummings, Marie Eckstrom, John Frala, Alonzo Garcia, Lydia Gonzalez, Jorge Huinquez, Mike Javanmard, David Lindy, Kathy Lopez, Barbara Mikalson, Gail Modyman, Steve Moshier, Daniel Osman, Vann Priest, Ron Reeder, Beverly Reilly, Dianna Reyes, Lorraine Sfeir, Shelly Spencer, Gisela Spieler-Persad, Julius B. Thomas, Ralph Velazquez, Adam Wetsman, Jon Whitford, Colin Young

Absent: Katherin Brandt, Alfred Forrest, George Kimber, Jim Matthis, Carley Mitchell, Matt Pitassi, Kathy Pudelko

Guest: Jodi Senk, SLO Co-Chair; Howard Kummerman, Dean of Institutional Research and Planning.

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Eckstrom at 1:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes
Minutes approved as submitted

III. President’s Report
Motion: The Senate endorses for Fellow of the College: Mary Ann Pacheco and Distinguished Service Award: Owen Newcomer. Eckstrom/Thomas. Discussion. MPU.

- President Eckstrom calls on the Safety Committee (out of order)—Brian Brutlag; safety committee hasn’t met because of time conflicts resulting in a lack of quorum, and without a quorum the committee cannot make decisions or be effective.
Motion: Move to reduce the required number of committee members from four to two plus the chair. Brutlag/Priest. Discussion. MPU

Admissions and Records and grading: “Incomplete” grades are being given on the pull-down grading site without proper paper work submitted in conjunction to satisfy the “I.” Discussion. Some faculty are not sufficiently aware of the process. Senators are instructed to go back to their Divisions for suggestions on how to handle this.

President Eckstrom is removing AP 5500 from the agenda. It needs further modification.

Program Review report by Howard Kummerman, Dean of IR&P, and President Eckstrom. They distributed Institutional Recommendations from the Program Review Committee. These were read aloud. Discussion ensued.

Curriculum Out of Order: Fran Cummings, Curriculum Chair, requested to go out of order. She would like to see RHC Curriculum move to a system to manage curriculum, Curicunet. She requests support for this wherever and whenever this comes up in discussion. Deadline for submissions to Curriculum to be included in the RHC Catalog was today, February 7, at noon.

IV. Guest: Dean Howard Kummerman reported and gave a slide presentation on the Academic Senate Accreditation Institute he attended. He and Michelle Pilatti, RHC Faculty, State Academic Senate President, represented Rio Hondo at the Institute. He encourages more participation in the Institute and the accreditation process.

Honors Program: Colin Young. Reported on the present status. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that more money should be allotted for the Honors Program.

V. Committee Reports
• Academic Rank
• Bookstore
• Curriculum
• FLEX/Professional Development: Katie O’Brien reports that Title V workshops are coming up. Contact her for more information.
• IEC
• ITC
• MIS/Enterprise
• Safety
• Program Review
• SLOs: Jodi Senk, Co-Chair SLO Committee, presented the SLO Timeline Spring 2012. The February-May timeline is available on the SLOlution site.

VI. Unfinished Business
None

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment: President Eckstrom adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.