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Rio Hondo College Academic Senate
Minutes
November 19, 2013
Board Room
1:00 p.m.

Present: Alan Archambault, Robin Babou, Michelle Bean, Robert Bethel, Katherin Brandt, Brian Brutlag, Fran Cummings, Cameron English, Marie Eckstrom, Juan Fernandez, John Frala, Sergio Guzman, Jorge Huinquiz, Steve Koelle, Jim Matthis, Greg Miller, Gail Modyman, Russell Muir, Jovany Munoz, Katie O'Brien, Tyler Okamoto, Sally Olivas, Vann Priest, Kathy Pudelko, Ron Reeder, Dianna Reyes, Kevin Smith, Adam Wetsman, Jon Whitford, Colin Young, Mariano Zaro

Guests:

I. Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2013 were approved without revision.

III. President's Report

- Hayward Award nominees were voted on with John Fralla winning so his name will be forwarded to the State committee.
- BP 2510 was discussed again S. Koelle moved that the Senate accept the definition of "participatory/shared governance" in I. B. (BP 2510), J. Frala seconded. The motion was passed without opposition.
- There is a proposal from Administration that the Code of Ethics become a BP but without stated disciplinary action, the matter is still in discussion
- The Association subcommittee on the calendar has reached agreement with the District on the academic calendar restoring the three summer sessions while maintaining the Winter intersession. For 2015 this will necessitate finishing the Spring semester after Memorial Day.
- The reorganization of Student Services and Academic Affairs was presented as approved by the Board on 11/18/2013. Concern was expressed regarding the process through which this reorganization was veted and addition of a new Dean.
- Acknowledgement was made to the Accreditation co-chairs who are doing their work without compensation. ALT (Accreditation Leadership Taskforce) will be very busy putting together the Self-study.
- Student Success (see New Business)
- John Frala reported on an agreement regarding Nissan Leafs charging stations and leasing options.

IV. Unfinished Business

Distinguished Faculty Award :

V. Priest moved that all current and retired RHC faculty, including former RHC faculty currently serving as Administrators be eligible to be nominated for the award, S. Koelle seconded. The motion was approved without opposition.

V. Priest moved that any current faculty member could nominate a candidate for the award, K. Smith seconded. The motion was approved without opposition.

V. Priest moved that any Adminstrator could nominate a candidate, K. Smith seconded. The motion was approved without opposition.

V. Priest moved that any classified employee could nominate a candidate for the award, R. Reeder seconded. The motion was approved without opposition.

V. Priest moved that any confidential employee could nominate a candidate for the award, S. Koelle seconded. The motion was approved without opposition.

V. Priest moved that any student could nominate a candidate for the award, K. O'Brien seconded. The motion was approved without opposition.

S. Koelle moved that for the first five years of the award, the Senate Executive Committee will serve as the selection committee, after which previous awardees will act as the selection committee, C. English seconded. The motion failed to pass.

C. Young moved that a representative subcommittee of the Senate, selected by the SEC serve as the selection committee, *R. Bethel* seconded. The motion was approved without opposition.

V. New Business

Student Success:

D. Reyes moved that

> **The Academic Senate President is directed to organize a Senate-led Student Success workshop in order to develop recommendations and forward them to the Rio Hondo College Student Success Initiative Task Force**.

K. O'Brien seconded, the motion was passed without opposition.

Plenary Report was postponed to a later date.

IV. Committee Reports

Flex Committee: there are discussions regarding the nature of the Flex days in the Fall and Spring semesters; Fall Flex day to be more of a convocation day and the Spring Flex day to be one without speakers.

VI: Announcements:

D. Reyes reported on the issues presented at PFC regarding the reorganization of the Student Services.

R. Reeder announced the occurrence of Hoop Dancers celebrating Native American Month and that Frank Accardo is performing in the Wray theater.

AGS students presented to Brian Brutlag a certificate in acknowledgement of his service to the group.

VII: Public Comment:

None

VIII: Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.