

**Rio Hondo College Academic Senate
Minutes
November 5, 2013
Board Room
1:00 p.m.**

Present: Alan Archambault, Michelle Bean, Robert Bethel, Brian Brutlag, Katherin Brandt, Fran Cummings, Marie Eckstrom, Juan Fernandez, John Frala, Theresa Freije, George Kimber, Steve Koelle, Sheila Lynch, Barbara Mikalson, Greg Miller, Gail Modyman, Jovany Munoz, Katie O'Brien, Tyler Okamoto, Sally Olivas, Vann Priest, Kathy Pudelko, Ron Reeder, Dianna Reyes, Jodi Senk, Kevin Smith, Adam Wetsman, Jon Whitford, Colin Young, Mariano Zaro

Guests: Rachel Garcia, David Dawson, Gary VanVoorhis, Mike Javanmard

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2013 were approved without revision.

II. President's Report

- Gary Van Voorhis displayed the new tentative College website and highlighted some of the new design features.
- Brice Harris, the new CCC Chancellor visited the meeting as he was on campus for another meeting; he thanked the Senate for their on-going work.
- The President reported on certain changes to the drop for non-payment protocol. Mention was made of the fact that students may not be fully aware of the rules and that navigating the website may not be easy.
- The President reported on the pending reorganization of Student Services and that the proposed reorganization of Student Services was pulled and will be re-presented next week to PFC. There is a potential conflict as the Senate will not have had time to review the proposal before the Special Board meeting in November.
- The President made special commendation to the members of the ALT for their work on Accreditation.
- The President reported on a meeting he attended as part of the Chancellor Circle Luncheon regarding implementation of SSI, the assumption of adult education into the CC responsibilities, and other matters.
- The Summer Bridge Program was nominated by acclamation for the ASCCC Exemplary Program Award
- The President announced the opening of applications for the Hayward Award. Applications must be in to the President by November 15th and will be reviewed. A nomination single individual will be voted on at the next meeting (Nov 19)

III. New Business

- BP 4020 was reviewed and the Exec Motion
The Academic Senate affirms the changes to BP4020 approved on October 15, 2013 which includes striking all of the bullets in Section III except for the last one.
was passed without opposition. (see attached)
- BP 2510 was reviewed. F. Cummings moved that the Senate accept the phrase "...participatory/shared...." with a second from Steve Koelle. The motion was passed with one in opposition. (see attached)
M. Eckstrom moved that the definition of "participatory/shared governance" be sent back for clarification and proper citation of the original source, V. Priest seconded. The motion was passed without opposition. (see attached)
- D. Reyes, the ASCCC representative reported on the Area C meeting prior to ASCCC Plenary (Nov 7) and highlighted some of the issues to be voted on. She moved that the Senate authorize her to vote in the best interests of the RHC faculty at the upcoming Plenary session, M. Eckstrom seconded. The motion was passed without opposition.
- V. Priest proposed that the Senate establish a Distinguished Faculty Award to be given recognition of outstanding faculty. He moved that the Senate direct the Exec Committee to incorporate this award into a BP, G. Modyman seconded. The motion was approved without opposition.
There was discussion regarding the nomination process with a call to table which was approved unanimously.

IV. Committee Reports

A Safety Committee report was submitted. (see attached)

VI: Announcements:

None

VII: Public Comment:

None

VIII: Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.