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Rio Hondo College Academic Senate

Minutes

October 1, 2013

Board Room

1:00 p.m.

Present: Alan Archambault, Michelle Bean, Robert Bethel, Brian Brutlag, Fran Cummings, Marie Eckstrom, Cameron English, Juan Fernandez, Shelly Ferrari, John Frala, Theresa Freije, Sergio Guzman, Steve Koelle, David Lindy, Sheila Lynch, Jim Matthis, Barbara Mikalson, Greg Miller, Gail Modyman, Steve Moshier, Russell Muir, Jovany Munoz, Katie O'Brien, Tyler Okamoto, Sally Olivas, Vann Priest, Kathy Pudelko, Ron Reeder, Kevin Smith, Adam Wetsman, Jon Whitford, Colin Young, Mariano Zaro

Guests: Mike Javanmard, Kenn Pierson, Evan Hawkins (FACCC)

Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved without revision.

II. **President's Report**

Evan Hawkins, a representative from FACCC, gave a presentation introducing the benefits of membership and outlining how FACCC advocates for faculty statewide.

The President called for more faculty involvement on committees and urged Senators to encourage their faculty colleagues to get more involved in committee work. There followed a discussion concerning scheduling and the difficulties in organizing time for committee work. Senators were reminded that each faculty member has non-teaching responsibilities that needs to completed each week as part of their contract.

The President shared updates on the Distance Education Committee (DEC) organization and there is agreement between Adm. and the Senate regarding membership and its leadership: M. Javanmard has been appointed as Coordinator (with its reassigned time); when his tenure is over, the Committee will elect its own Coordinator (with reassigned time). The Committee will have 12 faculty members to be appointed by the Senate. The Senate will put out a call for committee participation.

Academic Rank Committee, headed by D. Lindy, has opened applications for advancement; the Committee needs 5 more members, there will be 2 meetings.

The President explained that there is a need to revise the present Minimum Qualifications for each faculty area in advance of Accreditation. Each faculty area needs to review and revise its Minimum Qualification description and Equivalencies. An example (Anthropology) was presented as a possible

template. The Senate will present an example of a non-Master equivalency. The Senate will send out a timeline and deadline for completion of this task in order to satisfy Accreditation compliance.

The President presented an update on the “Accreditation Concerns “ presented to Adm. many of these concerns were met with acknowledgement and mutual concern; many of these concerns have or are being dealt with.

III. New Business

C. Young presented a report suggesting to Adm. that changes be made to the calendar. The following resolution was proposed by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC):

The Academic Senate supports the recommendations of the calendar sub-committee and recommends that the Rio Hondo College Faculty Association negotiations team incorporates the recommendations into its proposal to the District.

The Executive motion was approved without opposition.

Committee Reports

- Academic Rank:
- Bookstore:
- Curriculum:
- IEC: (will have a new scoring sheet and new composition for the Staffing Allocation process)
- ITC:
- MIS/Enterprise:
- Professional Development/FLEX:
- Program Review: (submitted by M. Eckstrom)
- Safety:
- SLO:

VI: Announcements:

K. Pudelko urged members to participate in phone banking on behalf of the election campaign for Mary Ann Pacheco.

V. Priest announced that G. Spieler-Persad won an achievement award from Excelencia in Education for the success in the MESA program.

VII: Public Comment:

None

VIII: Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.