Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of November 19, 2013 were approved without revision.

II. President's Report

- Distinguished Faculty Award: V. Priest moved that the Academic Senate propose changes to BP 1500 to create a Distinguished Faculty Award to be given by the faculty to the faculty. R. Reeder seconded and the motion was passed without opposition.
- BPs: There will be more BPs to come through Senate for review and approval.
- SSI: There will be a Senate led workshop in January covering the academic role in the Student Success Initiative
- FSA: The faculty need to review and revise the parameters for determining minimum qualifications for faculty. These need to be done by Dept. and returned to the Senate so they can be forwarded to HR. This is also necessary to help determine Faculty Service Areas (FSA)
- Reorganization Update: The reorganization in Student Services has been accomplished with the shuffling of duties within Student Services and the upgrading of an administrative position from Associate Dean to a full Dean. The new position will be flown to find a permanent employee.
- There has been discussion of adding a third off-site service center in Pico Rivera.
- Faculty Hiring: There is a new proposed process for faculty hiring to be used starting Fall 2014
- ACCJC: The Dept. of Ed. has put the ACCJC on warning regarding its practices.

III. New Business
• Plenary Report: Dianna Reyes reported on the State Plenary session which she attended. Senate “Rostrums”: were passed out.
• The President solicited ideas regarding issues the Senate should consider in the coming semester, among ideas were the following
  o Taking initiative an revising the academic BP/APs, particularly the 4000s
  o Forming a method by which faculty could be mentored in the formulation of their Sabbatical proposals, the goal being to have better formulated and better written proposals to forward to the committee.
  o Investigating the apparent decline in HS graduates and the future implications to the College. Included in this should be an investigation into the community college role in Adult ED.
  o Considering more coordination between counseling and current degrees that are offered. The information does not seem to be readily available to students.
  o Investigating the feasibility of reinstating the “dead hour” so that scheduling of committee meetings would be easier. This is in response to the apparent lack of involvement of the faculty in necessary committee work.

Committee Reports
• Curriculum: A pilot program using CurricuNet will be run during Spring semester.
• FLEX: there is a need for more presenters for the Spring FLEX day
• IEC: continuing to deal with compiling Std. I of the Accreditation study.
• Examining the hiring changes.
• DE: forming an outline of an Online Certificate (for faculty) dealing with compliance issues.
• Program Review: the Program Reviews for this year have been completed.

VI: Announcements:
Association Luncheon announced
Diverse Instrument Ensemble: tonight
Student Art Sale
Distinguished Faculty Award: nominations for the award are due in February.

VII: Public Comment:
Next meeting on February 3, 2014

VIII: Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.