Rio Hondo College Academic Senate
Minutes
April, 2, 2013
Board Room
1:00 P.M.

Present: Jon Whitford, John Frala, Vann Priest, Fran Cummings, shelly Spencer, Greg Miller, Robert Bethel, Juan Fernandez, Mariano Zaro, Beverly Reilly, Steve Koelle, Marie Eckstrom, Thomas Callinan, Dianna Reyes, Robin Babou, Gisela Spieler-Persad, Ralph Vasquez, Jim Matthie, Gail Modyman, Kathy Lopez, Kathy Pudelko, J. Tanaka, Mike Javanmard, Brian Brutlag, Barbara Mikalson, Adam Wetsman, Sergio Guzman, Ron Reeder, Steve Moskier, Chris Acuna-Hansen, Colin Young, Carley Mitchell, George Kimber, Shirley Issac, Kimberly Mosley, Katie O'Brien

Guests: Mike Munoz, Henry Gee

Call to Order
Quorum reached and the meeting was called to order by President Adam Wetsman at 1:03 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes
The Minutes for March 19, 2012; Approved with no changes.

II. President’s Report
• Priority Registration President Wetsman turned the floor over to the Vice President of Students Affairs Henry Gee to present the proposal for priority registration.
  • Dr. Wetsman spoke of the great work done by Dr. Munoz on this project and how the V.P. Student Affair Henry Gee has been presenting this proposal to various constituencies across campus.
  • Motion by Exec to approve the priority registration proposal recommended by the multi-constituency committee.
    o Motion Passed with one opposed.
• President Wetsman discussed the issue of equivalency in Theatre Arts under New Business in the agenda.
  • The Theater Tech faculty is seeking equivalency in Theater Arts. President Wetsman sent this matter to the Arts Division who unanimously supported the equivalency. Since this involves equivalency based upon criteria other than a degree, the issue has been brought to Senate for consideration.
  • Motion by Katie O’Brien Seconded by Thomas Callinan to Direct the Senate President to sign off the equivalency.
  • Discussion ensued and a friendly amendment to rewrite the motion was accepted by both Katie O’Brien and Thomas Callinan.
- **The new motion was as follow:** The Academic Senate supports the Art Division’s recommendation and encourages the Academic Senate President to take it recommendation strongly into consideration when making his final decision.

- **The Motion passed with One opposed and One absentation.**

- President Wetsman returned to President Report as outlined on the agenda.

- Election Timeline - President Wetsman turned the floor over to Beverly Reilly and Colin Young to conduct election for the senate exec.
  - Nominations were as follow:
    - President - Adam Wetsman
    - First Vice-President – John Frala Vann Priest
    - Second Vice-President – Vann Priest
    - Secretary - Robert Bethel
    - Parliamentarian - Brian Brutlag
    - ASCCC Representative - Steve Koele

- Accreditation Update
  - President Wetsman updated the Senate on the progress that has been made in accreditation.

- Drop and Withdrawal Deadline Changes
  - President Wetsman informed the Senate that there will be a meeting at 2:30 pm with Henry Gee and a committee to discuss this issue.

- EMEC Coordinator Position Update and Resolution
  - President Wetsman reported on this issue.
  - There were some comments and questions of concern from the floor however President Wetsman answered these concerns.

- Presidential Hiring Update
  - The committee has finished paper screening and is looking forward to the interview process.

**Committee Reports**

- SLO: None.
- Academic Rank: None
- Bookstore: None
- Curriculum: None
- Professional Development/FLEX: None
- IEC: None.
- ITC: None
- MIS/Enterprise: None
- Safety: None
- Program Review: None

**VI: Announcements:** None

**VII: Public Comment:** None

**VIII: Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned by President Wetsman at 2:20 p.m