Rio Hondo College Academic Senate
Minutes
October 2, 2012
Board Room
1:00 P.M.

Present: Jon Whitford, Vann Priest, Fran Cummings, Shelly Spencer, Greg Miller, Robert Bethel, Gisela Spieler, Juan Fernandez, Mariano Zaro, Beverly Reilly, Marie Eckstrom, Lorraine Sfeir, Ralph Velasquez, Jim Matthias, Gail Modyman, Kathy Lopez, Kathy Pudelko, Joaquin Duran, Mike Javanmard, Brian Brutlag, Barbara Mikalson, Adam Wetsman, Sergio Guzman, Dianna Reyes, Ron Reeder, Steve Moshier, Chris Acuna-Hansen, Robin Babou, Carley Mitchell, George Kimber, Colin Young, Shirley Isaac, Shirley Issac, Kimberly Mosley, Stephen Koelle,

Guests: Katie O’Brien, Belen Torres-Gil, Henry Gee

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Adam Wetsman at 1:02 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes
Minutes for September 18, 2012; approved with minor spelling correction and one person removed from the list of Senators present for the meeting.

II. President’s Report
- Vice President of Student Services, Henry Gee, presented the Drop for Non-Payment Proposal. (See Attachment)
- Accreditation
  - Dr. Wetsman reported that four faculty members (Lydia Gonzalez, Matt Koutoulis, John Frala, and Vann Priest) were forward to the administration to represent the Academic Senate as co-chairs for the four standards. Also he asked Senators to volunteer and/or seek out volunteers to serve on these committees.
- Presidential Hiring Update
  - Dr. Wetsman shared a draft letter to the Board of Trustees urging them to keep the hiring committee composition the same as it had been for decades. There was discussion about minor modifications to the letter and consensus was reached to send it out as soon as possible.
- Reassigned Time Transparency and Consistency
  - President Wetsman reported that he is working with Dr. Kenn Pierson to come up with a process for various coordinator and reassigned time positions. He is waiting for information from Human Resources to complete the proposal and will bring it back to Senate when it is ready.
• AB 1725 Discussion
  o Dr. Wetsman presented a template that he created based on templates provided to him by the State Academic Senate ASCCC outlining on which issues the board will “Rely Primarily On” and on which issues the Board will Mutually Agree.
  o The difference between Mutually Agreed and Rely Primarily Upon was explained again.
  o It was noted for the record by a past Academic Senate President that Rio Hondo is a mutually agreed upon school on all ten points.
  o Dr. Wetsman pointed out that his draft is only suggestion based on previous discussions with the Senate.
  o The changes proposed by Dr. Wetsman based on previous discussions dealt with the first 4 of the 10+1 in AB1725 being changed to “Rely Primarily Upon”. A proposal will be given to Senate next meeting for forwarding to the District.

• President Wetsman reported that a motion passed last meeting relating to agenda setting for Flex Day in the Fall was sent to the District.

III. Unfinished Business
  • None

IV. New Business
  • Bookstore Orders
    • Marie Eckstrom noted that she is working with the Bookstore to get textbook orders from professors in a timely manner. Book orders for spring 2013, are due November 9, summer 2013 is due by March 14.

VII. Committee Reports
  • SLO: None.
  • Academic Rank: Due November 13
  • Bookstore: None
  • Curriculum: The Board of Governors has urged colleges to develop more TMC. They hope to have 80% of degrees being awarded to have a TMC equivalent degree by Fall 2013 and a goal of 100% by Fall of 2014. The curriculum chair informed the Senate of a workshop October 25 at 1:00 p.m. in T103
  • Professional Development/FLEX: Presented the Flex Day Survey (See attachment)
  • IEC: I zoned out.
  • ITC: Curricunet is being implemented and we will upgrade to a new service pack in Blackboard.
  • MIS/Enterprise: Asked for volunteers to serve on the Website committee. A Senator from the Visual Art was volunteered due to his expertise.
  • Safety: The Great Shake Out on October 18 at 10:18 a.m. There was some displeasure due to the fact many instructors schedule midterms before the semester starts, and wish to be warned before the semester starts.
• Program Review: No report

VI:  Announcements:

VII:  Public Comment: The CTA is looking for volunteers to phone bank on behalf of Proposition 30.

VIII:  Adjournment
• The meeting was adjourned by President Wetsman at 2:23 p.m.