Rio Hondo College Academic Senate Minutes
November 4, 2014
Board Room
1:00 P.M.

Present:  Alan Archambault, Robin Babou, Michelle Bean, Karen Beck, Robert Bethel, Fran Cummings, Marie Eckstrom, Cameron English, Juan Fernandez, Shelly Ferrari, John Frala, Theresa Freije, Sergio Guzman, Kathleen Hannah, Mike Javanmard, George Kimber, Steve Koelle, Sheila Lynch, Greg Miller, Carley Mitchell, Gail Modyman, Steve Moshier, Katie O’Brien, Tyler Okamoto, Shelly Poetter, Vann Priest, Kathy Pudelko, Ron Reeder, Rudy Rios, Kevin Smith, Adam Wetsman, Jon Whitford, Colin Young, Mariano Zaro

Guests:  Steve Tomory, Tracy Rickman, David Dawson, Chris Guptil

I.  Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:02

II.  Approval of Minutes
•  October 21st minutes
The minutes were accepted without revisions

III.  President’s Report
No report was given to ensure adequate time for the new business.

IV.  Unfinished Business
•  Directed Study
The topic was postponed until next meeting

V.  New Business
•  ASCCC Fall Plenary
  o  The ASCCC Rep discussed the upcoming meeting and the Area C meeting. Topics included: Accreditation issues, transfer degrees, and local approval of stand alone courses. Also, the Common Assessment Initiative will be discussed in a breakout session.
•  Bachelor’s degree proposals
  o  15 community colleges will be able to offer Bachelor’s degrees on pilot basis. We can submit a specific program for the “intent to apply” for the Bacc degree program. The three programs considered were: Animation: Game Art, Automotive Technology, and Homeland Security. Each of the reps gave rationale for their proposal in light of demand within the State. There was lively discussion of a myriad
of concerns regarding demand, available resources, required courses and upper division GE requirements.

0 Motion by A. Wetsman (R. Reeder seconded):

“The President of the Senate seek rankings of the three programs from Senators and forward those rankings to the Administration in a timely manner.”

The motion was unanimously approved. The rankings will done electronically.

Motion from Exec: The Academic Senate requests information on the fiscal effects of developing any of the BA/BS degrees.

The motion was passed unanimously.

VI. Committee Reports

• **Academic Rank:** Committee will be meeting soon.

• **Distance Ed.:** the “Best Practices” module will soon be available. The District has agreed to change implementation dates to Spring 2016.

• **ITC:** met and had a quorum; a recommendation was made in committee to reduce committee membership. Motion by F. Cummings (C. Young seconded): the Senate supports the actions of the ITC committee.

  Motion was passed unanimously.

VII. Announcements:

K. O’Brien announced that the next Teaching for Learning Institute workshop will be “Enhancing Basic Skills across the Disciplines: A Day of Sharing Best Practices” on Jan 27, 8:30-3. She also reminded the Senate that the All Staff Retreat is on Nov. 7

VIII. Public Comment:

None

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.