Rio Hondo College Academic Senate
Minutes
May 6, 2014

Board Room 1:00 p.m.

Present: Alan Archambault, Robin Babou, Michelle Bean, Robert Bethel, Katherin Brandt, Ada Brown, Brian Brutlag, Fran Cummings, Mike Dighera, Marie Eckstrom, Cameron English, Juan Fernandez, Shelly Ferrari, John Frala, Theresa Freije, Dianne Holcomb, George Kimber, Steve Koelle, Shin Lui, Sheila Kynch, Jim Matthis, Greg Miller, Carley Mitchell, Gail Modyman, Steve Moshier, Jovany Munoz, Katie O’Brien, Tyler Okamoto, Sally Olivas, Vann Priest, Kathy Pudelko, Kevin Smith, Adam Wetsman, Jon Whitford, Colin Young, Mariano Zaro

Guests:

I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order by the President at 1:03 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes
The minutes were approved without revision.

III. President’s Report
The Educational Master Plan will be vetted online as there is not time enough to do otherwise in light of the Accreditation Self-Study

The Accreditation Self-Study will be done on the 19th; the ALT review it after that.

The Distinguished Faculty Award proposal has been pulled from the Board Agenda. It will be agendized in PFC and go to the Board in there July meeting.

M. Javanmard presented recommendations from the DE committee. The Proposal for the certificate for online teaching has been completed and a recognition that there needs to be some negotiation with RHCFA as there are some workplace issues. ACCJC expects that there will be some instrument of orientation for the students. This certification will only need to be done once.

The LVN program is being downsized. No new LVN students will be accepted for Fall 2014.

The open Reassigned Postions will be flown soon.
IV. New Business
In light of the recommendations of the DE committee, C. Young moved that Senate adopt the recommendations of the DE committee and forward those recommendations to the District and to the negotiating team. K. O’Brien seconded the motion and it was approved without opposition.

S. Lynch moved that the Orientation letter to students regarding online classes be adopted and sent onto the District and to RHCFA, C. Young seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

In light of the downsized LVN program G. Modyman moved that the Academic Senate President urge the District to continue to include the Nursing faculty in the further discussion regarding the future of the LVN program and that the District provide to the Senate and PFC data to support these outcomes. K. O’Brien seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

M. Eckstrom announced that the Chancellor’s Office is proposing a Common Assessment for ESL, Math and English and is asking for volunteer campuses to test these assessments. She moved that the Senate urge the District to apply for this volunteer program. S. Koelle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Committee Reports
None

VI. Other
This being the last meeting of the academic year, the President reviewed the accomplishments of past year. (see attached)

VII. Announcements:
The new President presented the outgoing President with a plaque of appreciation in recognition of his past efforts.

VIII. Public Comment:

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.