

Rio Hondo College Academic Senate Minutes
December 2, 2014
Board Room
1:00 P.M.

Present: Alan Archambault, Jose Arroyo, Robin Babou, Michelle Bean, Karen Beck, Robert Bethel, Fran Cummings, Mike Dighera, Marie Eckstrom, Cameron English, Juan Fernandez, John Frala, Theresa Freije, Sergio Guzman, Mike Javanmard, Steve Koelle, Sheila Lynch, Jim Matthis, Greg Miller, Gail Modyman, Juana Mora, 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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03

II. Approval of Minutes

- November 18 minutes
The minutes were accepted without revision.

III. President's Report

- **Update on Baccalaureate Programs**

Rio Hondo sent a letter to the Chancellor's Office stating our "intent to apply" for the Baccalaureate pilot program. The Chancellor's Office sent a letter stating that 36 districts have signaled intent to apply (which is approx. 1/2 of the districts in the state). Districts that didn't signal intent can still apply though. Some districts listed two or three programs that they may apply for. Other districts put TBD and didn't specify program. Application deadline is 12/19- BOG will make decision on 1/21

- **PFC Equipment List**

The President/Superintendent asked PFC to prioritize and spend approximately 450,000 for classroom equipment. PFC formed a subcommittee to determine how to prioritize these. The subcommittee met their deadline and their prioritization list will be reviewed by President's Cabinet before going to PFC. There is some question over the amounts that each of the requests would cost; further exploration, ranking, and analyses will be taking place involving IT.

- **Classified Staff Appreciation**

In the spirit of the season, President Priest urged faculty to thank the classified staff members that they interact with. The classified staff work incredibly hard and are underappreciated.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

- **Minimum Qualifications**

Once Senate accepts these, they will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

Motion by M Eckstrom (seconded by R Bethel)- The Academic Senate accepts the equivalency statements for minimum qualifications.

Discussion occurred about procedures for approving equivalencies and about whether changing equivalencies could change who is qualified for teaching in certain areas. Specifically, concerns were raised about how we might “grandfather” people in.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Motion by A Wetsman (seconded by S Lynch)- The Academic Senate directs the President to work with the administration as soon as possible to update college policies and procedures regarding faculty service areas.

Motion was passed unanimously.

- **Hayward Award**

No nominations were received.

VI. Committee Reports

Academic Rank: Six applications were received. They are going to Human Resources for validation. Then they will go to Senate exec and Senate and hopefully they will make the February board agenda.

Curriculum: Our curriculum chair resigned. F Cummings volunteered to serve; the committee meets tomorrow. It would be a one semester appointment. Curriculum will be electing a new member to chair the committee for the next two years in the spring semester. Minor changes to classes are being accepted now. They should be sent to F Cummings.

DE: 16 people have finished the first module. DSPPS has presented what they are building for the compliance module. They hope to have it done by sometime in January. The Best Practices module will be coming in January as well.

FLEX/Staff Development: The Spring Flex day proposals for breakout workshops are not coming in. Faculty were encouraged to come up with some ideas for them. Also, information on the Winter Teaching for Learning Institute went out via e-mail. RSVPs are being accepted. Finally, there will be an application for Title V stipends for faculty piloting the new WRC.

ITC: None

SLO: None

IEC: Unfortunately, Plan Builder will be around for another year. IEC still hasn't picked a different program. They are more expensive than initially thought.

Safety: None

Program Review: The last day of program reviews is Friday. So far, the hot topics are the volume of paper usage on campus and the desire for professional development specific to service areas.

Basic Skills: We are changing the format for the Springboard program. Usually the program provides students with both English and Math review during summer or intersession. This inters-

ession, it was focused only on math. Also, this time, students will be retested with their placement tests after the two week intensive session.

Bookstore: None

VII. Announcements

K Pudelko: The RHCFA luncheon is Thursday (126 people have RSVP'd). RHCFA is conducting a toy drive as well. Either donate 10 dollars to the scholarship fund for lunch or bring a toy to donate. T-shirts are coming soon. They will be given to faculty for a \$10 dollar donation to the scholarship fund as well.

A Wetsman, S Lynch, R Reeder: Art department sale is this week through Thursday.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43.