I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:00.

II. Approval of Minutes
- April 21st minutes
- Minutes were accepted without revision.

III. President’s Report
- May 13 Board Of Trustees meeting
  - Beverly Reilly will be acknowledged for Distinguished Faculty. Also, seven full time faculty that are retiring will be acknowledged as well.
- Program Level Set Standards – Howard Kummerman, Jim Sass
  - Program Level Set Standards are needed for accreditation as determined by ACCJC. Guidelines for developing these standards are:
    - If a non-CTE program has no degrees, set a standard for course success rates
    - If a non-CTE program has degrees, set standards for course success rates and number of degrees awarded
    - If the program is CTE, set standards for number of certificates awarded, job placement rates, licensure exam pass rates, number of degrees awarded, and also course success rates.
  - The standards are to be decided by the faculty for each program. IRP will provide data and instructions to facilitate the process. Faculty can use external data if needed. Currently, these standards are only for academic programs and student service programs are not required to complete these.
- Foundation Update – Howard Kummerman
  - Senators received a presentation of the status of the Foundation. Topics included basic information about the Board of the Foundation, the purpose of the Foundation, the Budget of the Foundation, the Gift Annuity Program, and the Future Focus of the Foundation.
  - Taste of Rio grossed $65,000 with a possible net of $55,000. The event was a huge success.
- Bookstore and Text Book Adoptions – Andrea Rion
  - There are issues with faculty not submitted Fall textbook adoptions. Currently only 45% of orders have been turned in. This directly impacts buyback for students this semester. Any questions should be sent to 0890mgr@follett.com or 0890txt@follett.com
- Title IX – Loy Nashua
  - Faculty were asked for feedback on the Title IX documents. Faculty will be mandatory reporters with these changes. There will be changes to discrimination procedures at RHCS with this as well. Concerns about the procedures for
reporting were expressed. Faculty were assured that their concerns would be addressed in future training sessions.

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

- Priority Enrollment (Graduation, Transfer, and Certificate Initiative) – Henry Gee
  - The Vice President of Student Services presented a change to the priority enrollment policy. This was a follow up to the previous month’s change to priority enrollment. Students with one semester left before graduation can petition to receive one time priority enrollment. These students will get priority enrollment after the state mandated groups (DSPS etc...). This should give these students a better chance to get those in demand classes that they need and may raise our graduation rates.
  - Motion: (M Javanmard, 2nd S Lynch) - to accept the proposed changes to Priority registration.
  - Motion passed unanimously.

- MOTION FROM EXEC: Add the following language to the AP 4100 Graduation Requirements: “I. At the Academic Senate’s final meeting of each academic year and on behalf of the faculty of Rio Hondo College, the Academic Senate will recommend that students who have completed the requirements for a degree be conferred that degree with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereunto appertaining.”
  - Degrees are conferred at graduation per the recommendation of the faculty. Here at Rio, we don’t actually officially ever recommend that this occurs. This motion would have Senate actually make the recommendation each May.
  - Motion passed unanimously.

- MOTION FROM EXEC: To accept for 1st reading the changes to the Academic Senate by-laws.
  - Currently, Student Services is represented as one group on Senate. So, even though there are separate divisions in Student Services, they are grouped together for Senate representation. This proposal will split their representation to be based on division.
  - Furthermore, currently divisions receive one Senator for every five faculty in their division. There are also some divisions that are over-represented on Senate. This proposal will adjust the way divisions are represented and fix many of the over-representation problems.
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May 5, 2015  
Board Room  
1:00 P.M.

- Call to question: (M Javanmard, 2nd K Pudelko)  
  - Motion failed  
- Discussion occurred.  
- Motion passed with 1 vote against (M Javanmard).

VI. Committee Reports  
None.

VII. Announcements  
K Pudelko: The end of the year luncheon is next week. See you there! Also, grades are due five days after the last day of finals.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjournment  
Meeting was adjourned at 2:18.