

Rio Hondo College Academic Senate Minutes
May 19, 2015
Board Room
1:00 P.M.

Present: Alan Archambault, Jose Arroyo, Robin Babou, Michelle Bean, Robert Bethel, Ada Brown, Mike Dighera, Marie Eckstrom, Cameron English, Juan Fernandez, John Frala, Theresa Freije, Song Le Graham, Sergio Guzman, Kathleen Hannah, Dianne Holcomb, Mike Javanmard, Steve Koelle, Sheila Lynch, Jim Matthis, Greg Miller, Gail Modyman, Juana Mora, Katie O'Brien, Tyler Okamoto, Vann Priest, Rudy Rios, Mary Rivera, Kevin Smith, Adam Wetsman, Jon Whitford, Colin Young, Mariano Zaro
Guests: Lupe Alvarado, Yunior Hernandez, Lydia Gonzalez, Steve Tomory, Rebecca Green, Howard Kummerman

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02.

II. Approval of Minutes

- May 5th minutes
- The minutes were accepted without revisions.

III. President's Report

- Pizza
 - Pizza was served.
- Board of Governor's Institutional Effectiveness Framework – Howard Kummerman, Lydia Gonzalez
 - The Senate was briefed regarding new college level goals as required by new legislation. Categories that colleges must set goals for include: Course completion rates, accreditation status, reserve fund balance, and the results of an Audit. They will also go to the Board of Trustees for them to adopt.
 - MOTION (A Wetsman, 2nd K O'Brien): To accept the recommendations from IEC relating to the Institutional Effectiveness Framework. (
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Follow-Up Report to ACCJC - DUE October 15.
 - SLOs – Adam Wetsman
 - The SLO Committee and others from the college have dealt with recommendations relating to SLOs. Senators reviewed a draft of the response to ACCJC relating to SLOs.
 - Regular and Substantive Contact – Mike Javanmard and Rebecca Green
 - A subcommittee of DE members were tasked with coming up with an idea to ensure regular and substantive contact. After many ideas and discussions, a fillable form was created for faculty to fill in. There is a checklist

for faculty to report what they do and how often they do it. It was emphasized that this form is not to be used for evaluations.

- MOTION (S Lynch, 2nd M Javanmard): To approve the recommendation from the DEC relating to the ACCJC recommendation.
 - Concerns were expressed about whether this is the end product or still a work in progress.
- MOTION (C Young, 2nd R Bethel): To table the current motion until after the summer.
 - Motion failed
- For the original motion: Motion passed unanimously
- Program Discontinuance – Vann Priest
 - Senators were presented with the response for this ACCJC recommendation.
- Auto Tech Baccalaureate Degree – John Frala
 - The Auto Tech Baccalaureate Degree has been approved by the Board of Governors!
- Farewell to Song Le Graham
 - Our Articulation Officer, Song is leaving us for Santiago Canyon College. She will be missed.

IV. Unfinished Business

- MOTION FROM EXEC: To accept for 2nd reading the changes to the by-laws.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

- MOTION FROM EXEC: It is the recommendation of the faculty of Rio Hondo College that students who have completed the requirements for a degree be conferred that degree with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereunto appertaining.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION FROM EXEC: The California Legislature designates the third full week of May as Classified School Employees Week. The Academic Senate on behalf of all faculty recognizes the wide range of essential functions performed by our classified colleagues and thanks them for their contributions to our students' success.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Multiple Majors and Degrees– Song Le Graham
 - Current policy is that if a student wants a second associative degree, they need to take an additional 18 units for that degree and those units cannot be duplicated from the first degree. This is a local requirement- so, the AA-T degrees are not held to this requirement.
 - Three proposals were given:
 - Remove all restrictions on overlapping units.

- Require that 6 units for the second degree are not duplicated from the first.
 - Require that 9 units for the second degree are not duplicated from the first.
- Discussion occurred
- MOTION (A Wetsman, 2nd S Guzman): To go with the six unit option.
- MOTION (K O'Brien, 2nd M Dighera): To table the current motion so we can discuss this issues with our divisions
 - The motion to table was called to question (M Javanmard, 2nd R Bethel)
 - Motion (to call to question) passed unanimously.
 - Motion to table failed.
- For the original motion to go with the six unit option proposal
 - Call to question (M Javanmard, 2nd D Holcomb)
 - Motion to call to question passes unanimously.
 - Motion (the six unit option proposal) failed
- MOTION (S Lynch, 2nd R Rios): To go with the proposal to remove all restrictions.
 - Motion passed (Against: A Wetsman, R Bethel, M Bean, C English, G Modyman
Abstention: T Okamoto, K O'Brien)
- BP 7211 Faculty Service Areas
 - This item was pulled for the next meeting.
- AP 5013 Students in the Military
 - MOTION (R Bethel, 2nd K O'Brien): To approve the proposed changes to AP 5013.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Committee Reports

FLEX/SD: The Senate was asked for ideas regarding an end of the year party.

DEC: Congratulations to Colin Young, the chair of DEC for next year.

Other: Enterprise committee: This is the committee that controls decisions made regarding AccessRIO. It will need new members for next year.

VII. Announcements

Senate Accomplishments: See attached document for a list of accomplishments from the year. Congratulations and thanks were given to outgoing Senate President Vann Priest. He was presented with a plaque for his service.

Congratulations to John Frala and the Auto program for receiving another grant! Vann was given a plaque for his service as AS President

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09.