Academic Senate 2016-17

Minutes
September 6, 2016
Board Room
1:00 p.m.

Senators present: Chris Acuña-Hansen, Lupe Alvarado, Robin Babou, Michelle Bean, Robert Bethel, Gina Bove, Brian Brutlag, Michael Dighera, Marie Eckstrom, Juan Fernandez, Raquel Flores-Olson, Theresa Freije, Jose Gutierrez, Kathleen Hannah, Laura Harrison, Jupei Hsiao, Jorge Huinquez, Mike Javanmard, Matt Koutroulis, Sheila Lynch, Jim Matthis, Greg Miller, Carley Mitchell, Juana Mora, Katie O'Brien, Tyler Okamoto, Amelia Ortiz, Matthew Patassi, Dorali Pichardo-Diaz, Kathy Pudelko, Mary Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Stephen Smith, Viviana Villanueva, Adam Wetsman, Jon Whitford. Others present: Ryan Bronkar, Sergio Guzman, Elizabeth Ramirez

I. Call to Order: 1:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes: May 17, 2016 minutes approved with no corrections.

III. President's Report
A. Welcome Back—Senator introductions.
B. Discharge Duty Form 214 (Veterans)—next meeting we will address recommendations.
C. Bookstore/Textbooks—a few divisions were given list of textbook costs; looking for recommendations on how to assist students and provide options.
D. President’s Visit—invited to next meeting; she requested a once semester visit.
E. Proposition 55—president showed website: www.protectingcalifornia.com. Peruse this site for talking points; Prop 55 is an extension Prop 30.
F. Committee Membership—Chairs, please submit membership lists to president.

IV. Unfinished Business: None.

V. New Business
   1. Written by a team of faculty and administration.
   2. Will be submitted to ACCJC in October; accrediting committee will make a brief visit in October.
   3. Motion: To accept the Follow-up Report as written and submitted
      (Kathy Pudelko motioned; Mike Javanmard seconded; abstentions by Raquel Flores-Olson, Brian Brutlag, and Katie Obrien; no oppositions; motion passed)

VI. Committee Reports
A. Academic Rank—no report.
B. Basic Skills—a RHC team of faculty going to Acceleration Conference this week; SSBS is the new acronym for Basic Skills Initiative; more money for SSBS now available: $3 million over next 3 years.
C. Bookstore—Marie Eckstrom collected names for new committee members.
D. Curriculum—Due dates: September 28 for substantial curriculum changes; October 17 for non-substantial changes; Curricunet is being updated and soon to be used; Mike Slavich will be entering information; Chancellor's Office named RHC as a pilot college for a new curriculum platform.

E. FLEX/Staff Development—Deadline soon for faculty grants; about $12,000 was given to the committee for faculty success and professional development needs resulting from the impact of Multiple Measures in the classroom.

F. ITC—no report.

G. SLOs—the Flex Day survey was for gaining information on how to make the SLO process more useful for faculty and student success. Currently not able to use TK20, so SLOutions will be used for another year. Please get your Assessment Reports submitted—missing 400+ and are needed for accreditation.

H. Student Equity—Equity Textbook Assistance Program: $50,000 allocation. Purchased books for RHC students who submitted online applications; received over 400 applications. Could not fund the $140,000s of requests, but SE ended up assisting 240 students with at least two textbooks each. SE Office has been working with Bookstore to purchase and distribute the books. Students are required to return books or a hold will be placed on their student accounts. SE, BSI, SSSP per Chancellor's Office must integrate plans—more information to come. Dr. Ochoa will be presenting on Friday on Academic Profiling and the Achievement Gap at 10:00 am in SS305 with 3 workshops as follow-up on Thursdays from 1—3pm. Two Life Coaches were hired for workshops to meet the needs of disproportionality impacted students: Latina and Latino.

I. OEC—no report.

J. IEC—need a member; send interest to president.

K. Program Review—doing 22 reviews this year. Orientations currently under way; looking for volunteers to serve on review committee.

L. Safety—will be meeting with new facilities director to set-up meeting times.

M. MIS/Enterprise—no report.

VII. Announcements:

A. Art Exhibit tonight!

B. WRC now has online conferencing for online and off-site classes.

C. RHC has free day at LA County Fair—look on their website.

D. Faculty Association has mixer and Artwalk on Sept 17.

E. Remind students to make an appointment with Counseling and attend Student Success Workshops—free food!

F. Avance enrolled 300 students who were streamlined from Summer Bridge; they were assigned a counseling course and success coaches.

G. RHC Sports schedules are on our website—come support in season sports!

VIII. Public Comment—none.

IX. Adjournment: 2:07 p.m.