MINUTES
February 7, 2017
Board Room
1:00 p.m.


II. Call to Order: 1:03 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes: November 15, 2016 minutes approved as submitted.

III. President’s Report
A. Census—Senate president will ask deans and veteran Senators for full-time faculty totals in each division. Census should be completed by February 21. Divisions should complete new Senator selections before the March 7 nominations for Senate officer elections.
B. Hiring Committees—RHC hiring new administrators; more hiring committee members for the following positions are needed: Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dean of Arts; Dean of Library; Director of Child Development Center. If you need support in securing a substitute to attend hiring committee meetings, please email Senate President. A Senator recommended that PFC evaluates the need for additional resource allocation for more administrators.
C. Senate Awards
1. Distinguished Faculty Award—nominations should be in writing and sent to Senate 1st Vice President, Dorali Pichardo-Diaz by February 22.
2. Fellow of the College—Senate president will work with committee on nomination.
D. Staffing Committee—a subcommittee to PFC; needs 2-3 more members—email Senate president if interested. Two meetings: Feb 14 and Feb 22.
E. ACCJC—RHC President received a letter stating that we met their requirements; Midterm Report due in the fall.

IV. Unfinished Business: None

V. New Business:
A. Academic Rank
   1. Motion: To approve the Academic Rank Committee’s recommendations
      a. John F. motioned; Brian B. seconded
      b. Motion approved unanimously
   2. Motion: To ask Senate President to form a subcommittee to review the Academic Rank process
      a. Adam W. motioned; Mike J. seconded
      b. Called the question—Sergio G.; approved
c. Motion did not pass (majority opposed; Adam W., Mike J. voted in favor)

3. **Motion:** To create a new Academic Rank process that designates all full-time faculty upon becoming tenured the title of professor and all part-time faculty the title of professor upon equivalent experience
   a. Adam W. motioned; Mike J. seconded
   b. Parliamentarian called for point of order

4. **Motion:** To table the above motion
   a. Kathy P. motioned; Mike J. seconded
   b. Motion passed; Shelly S. abstained

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**VI. Committee Reports**

A. Academic Rank—see above points in item V.
B. Basic Skills—no meeting yet.
C. Bookstore—no report.
D. Curriculum—first meeting tomorrow; CurricUnet still in process; discussing OER and the Bachelor’s degree. New ADT in biology approved for next year.
E. FLEX/Staff Development—Reading Apprenticeship Workshops: for all discipline instructors on April 21, a STEM focused workshop—flex or stipend available; June 1 other workshop, a non-STEM focus. New Full-Time Faculty Success Seminar—invited new faculty to attend Senate, union, and curriculum meetings. Seventeen of the 21 newly hired instructors attended.
F. ITC—no meeting yet; please be careful opening emails to avoid ransomware that locks you out of your computer. Suggestions for protection: Remove “preview” from email settings. Don’t send or open any emails without a subject line.
G. SLOs—coordinator attended an informative workshop and had a positive experience.
H. Student Equity—March 15 screening of No Mas Bebes. May 2 Dr. Noguera will be here to provide research info on Latino males. Series of equity discussion starts on February 27. Student Equity will sponsor collaborative meetings for instructors—Juana has funding for 5 cohorts; application is due February 15.
I. OEC—no report.
J. IEC—no meeting yet.
K. Program Review—no report.
L. Safety—committee awaiting new facility director.
M. MIS/Enterprise—no meeting.
N. OER—applied for and received a grant to explore Open Education Resources. Stipends will be available for a March 10 workshop. Goal is to apply for a larger grant next year.

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**VII. Announcements**—none.

**VIII. Public Comment**—none.

**IX. Adjournment**—2:09 p.m.