



Academic Senate 2016-17

Agenda

May 16, 2017

Board Room

1:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes: May 2, 2017

II. President's Report

- A. Pizza and Salad Served
- B. Graduation Schedule
- C. Distinguished Faculty Award (Belen Torres-Gil) and Acknowledgements
- D. Early Alert (Starfish) Workgroup
- E. Academic Rank Taskforce

IV. Unfinished Business: None

V. New Business:

- A. Conferring of Degrees

1. Executive Motion:

The Academic Senate on behalf of the faculty of Rio Hondo College recommends that students who have completed the requirements for a degree be conferred that degree with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereunto appertaining.

- B. Vericite Plagiarism Adoption (Jill Pfeiffer and Jodi Senk)

- C. Canvas Savings Resolution

1. Executive Motion:

To adopt the resolution on Utilizing Funds Saved by Adopting Canvas to Support Faculty and Staff Development (see Addendum A).

VI. Committee Reports

- Academic Rank
- Basic Skills
- Bookstore
- Curriculum
- FLEX/Staff Dev.
- ITC
- SLOs
- Student Equity
- OEC
- OER
- IEC
- Program Review
- Safety
- MIS/Enterprise

VII. Announcements

VIII. Public Comment – Persons wishing to make comments are allowed three minutes per topic. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Senate cannot discuss or take action on items not listed on the agenda. Matters brought before the Senate that are not on the agenda may, at the Senate's discretion, be referred to the Senate Executive Committee or be placed on the next agenda.

IX. Adjournment



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Addendum A:

RESOLUTION: Utilizing Funds Saved by Adopting Canvas to Support Faculty and Staff Development

Whereas, Rio Hondo College strives to be an exemplary California community college, meeting the learning needs of its changing and growing population, and is dedicated to excellence in instruction to develop the intellectual and personal competence of each student and to meeting the ever-changing technological needs required to support the educational process and to enhance student access and success;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) passed the following resolution at its Spring 2017 Plenary session:

ASCCC Resolution 11.01 S17 “Using Savings from Adopting Canvas” “strongly urged local senates to advocate to their administration that monetary savings resulting directly from the adoption of Canvas be utilized to fund faculty professional development and other support, as well as the ongoing maintenance, improvement, and necessary technology infrastructure, including personnel, for quality distance education programs”; AND

Whereas, The OEI has adopted Canvas as its course management system (CMS) and is funding the full cost of Canvas for all distance education, hybrid, web-enhanced, and face-to-face courses offered by colleges choosing to adopt Canvas locally as their sole CMS, saving the District an estimated \$400,000 during the first three years of using Canvas;

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate directs the Senate President to urge the District to develop and implement a cost-savings plan for allocating the monetary savings gained by transitioning from Blackboard to Canvas during the first three years so that 80% of the savings be directed into support for faculty and staff to develop and improve distance education and 20% of the savings be held in reserve for possible future obligations to fund Canvas locally.

(References <http://www.lao.ca.gov/handouts/education/2017/CCC-Budget-032317.pdf>)