Minutes
May 16, 2017
Board Room
1:00 p.m.


I. Call to Order: 1:06 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes: May 2, 2017 minutes approved with one correction.

II. President’s Report
A. Pizza and salad served
B. Graduation Schedule—urged faculty to be considerate of graduation ceremonies and flexible with giving finals to allow students to participate in graduation events.
C. Distinguished Faculty Award (Belen Torres-Gil) and Acknowledgements—Congratulations, Belen! Belen dedicated her award to her mother, thanked Senate, and encouraged faculty to make their voices known and to continue to serve students.
D. Early Alert (Starfish) Workgroup—will be working over the summer to decide on the implementation process of the program.
E. Academic Rank Taskforce—the will of the body was to form a taskforce in the fall.

IV. Unfinished Business: None

V. New Business:
A. Confering 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. (Motion passed unanimously)
   2. Motion: To direct the Senate President to ensure that the Academic Senate is involved in the Board Policy on graduation ceremonies and include Senate input on allowing non-degree participants (Katie O. moved; second by Adam W.; motion passed unanimously)
B. Vericite Plagiarism Adoption (Jill Pfeiffer and Jodi Senk)
   1. OEl is paying for Vericite to save $35,000 a year; RHC only has 10 faculty using TurnItIn.com; OEC has motioned to adopt Vericite
   2. Motion: To accept the motion passed by the OEC, a sub-committee of the Academic Senate, recommending the switch from TurnItIn.com to Vericite as RHC official plagiarism checker (Jodi S. moved; second by Mike J.; a Senator recommended that the 10 be notified that the change will occur; motion passed unanimously)
C. **Canvas Savings Resolution**  
**Executive Motion:**  
To adopt the resolution on Utilizing Funds Saved by Adopting Canvas to Support Faculty and Staff Development—see Addendum A. (Motion passed unanimously)  

D. **Kinesiology, Dance, and Athletics Equivalency**  
1. KDA does not have an equivalency that lists a Master’s degree in Coaching and Athletics Management, and adding this will open the pool for strong applicants.  
2. **Motion:** To expand KDA equivalencies to include a Master’s degree in any discipline AND 18 units of graduate level courses in PE, Kinesiology, Dance, Health, Coaching, Athletics Administration, Exercise Science, Strength and Conditioning, or related fields AND 2 years of coaching or teaching experience in Kinesiology. (Moved by Kathy P.; seconded by Lupe A.; 1 abstention; motion passed)  

VI. **Committee Reports**  
A. Academic Rank—no report.  
B. Basic Skills—no report.  
C. Bookstore—no report.  
D. Curriculum—forming a taskforce to discuss units and hours issue; if interested in being on taskforce please email Ryan. New Program and Course Approval Handbook (PCAH) 6th edition coming out soon. Curricunet roll out not known. Once a year deadline will be mid-October for catalog changes for next year; co-chair for next year is Michelle Pilati.  
E. FLEX/Staff Development—Aug 7 and 8 On-Course Training for Flex credit to learn how to engage students. Aug 15-17 Project-Based Learning Seminar for Flex credit.  
F. ITC—be very careful and do not open unknown emails.  
G. SLOs—Not sure what will happen with software next year—probably will have Slolutions. Enter data into Slolutions please.  
H. Student Equity—no report.  
I. OEC—new chair is Jodi Senk.  
J. OER—working through the summer to gear up to apply for 150,000 grant.  
K. IEC—no report.  
L. Program Review—looking at revising Program Plan/Review questions for clarity and succinctness.  
M. Safety—10/18 at 10:18 drill info coming later.  
N. MIS/Enterprise—meeting tomorrow.  

VII. **Announcements**  
A. Reminder New Faculty Celebration Friday at 4 p.m.  
B. Sergio sent out email today about the Tentative Agreement for part-time faculty staring Fall 2018 for seniority rights.  
C. Jerry Brown sent Chancellor Eloy Oakley a letter urging for an online college.  
D. Commendations given to Katie O’Brien and Sheila Lynch for their service as Academic Senate Executive members.  

VIII. **Public Comment**—none.  

IX. **Adjournment:** 2:21 p.m.
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)