I. Call to Order
   President Javanmard called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes
   The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. President’s Report
   President Martinez addressed the Senate as an invited guest and addressed three topics.
   
   **Participatory Government:** President Martinez emphasized his commitment to participatory government. He suggested forming a task force to clarify the academic and professional matters under the purview of the Senate in order to create a Board Policy to that effect.
   
   **Monthly Address to the Senate:** President Martinez would like to attend the Senate once a month for about ten minutes in order to answer questions and address issues and concerns of the Senate.
   
   **Administrative Reorganization:** The Senate expressed concerns about the impending administrative reorganization, specifically focusing on the fact that the Planning and Fiscal Council (PFC) was not consulted prior to its announcement.

   - **Commendation:** Rebecca Green asked to Senate to award the commendation at this time due to time constraints. The Senate awarded Alice Tirre a Senatorial Commendation and honored her with a rousing, long-enduring, and endearing standing ovation.
IV Unfinished Business

- **Bookstore Concern**: The Senate discussed concerns about bookstore policies restricting the amount of annotations/notes students may write in rented textbooks. In addition, many faculty are unaware of the fact that their adopted texts are being made available for rent without their knowledge and/or expressed consent.

  MOTION: The Senate moves that the Rio Hondo College bookstore give faculty the option to opt out of the book rental program. (Mike Javanmard, Marie Eckstrom)
  Amendment: The motion would apply to online options as well. (Brian Brutlag, MSPU)

- **English Graduation Requirement**: The English department would like to make the English graduation requirement English 101 with a “C” or better.

  MOTION: The Senate moves to endorse the English department request to make English 101 with a grade of “C” or better a graduation requirement. (Marie Eckstrom, Mike Javanmard; MSPU)

V. New Business

- **Commendation**: The commendation for Alice Tirre was moved to President’s Report because of time constraints.
- **Senate Guest, Henry Gee, VP, Student Services**: Henry Gee reported that course sections offered through the Early College Academy will not be counted against the number of sections allocated to divisions and will be funded through other sources. Gee clarified that the majority of the instructors will come from our current instructor pools.
  In addition, Gee reviewed the history of high school students taking courses at the college, including Gear-Up, the dual-enrollment program, and educational partnerships.
  Gee also presented information on the math and writing graduation requirements as well as transcript evaluation services.
  He explained the commitments between El Monte Union District and Rio Hondo detailed in the “El Monte Union College Pledge” (distributed to the Senate).

  MOTION: The Senate moves to support the El Monte Union College Pledge. (Gisela Spieler-Persad, Julius Thomas; MSPU)

- **Distance Education Task Force (Instructional Technology Council ITC)**
  A suggestion was made to form a subcommittee of the Virtual College
committee that would address the effectiveness of online education with a specific goal of illustrating quality online delivery.

MOTION: A motion was proposed to establish a subcommittee of the Virtual College (Javanmard) and tabled until fall.

VI. Committee Reports
   • Awards: No report.
   • Bookstore: No report; already addressed (above).
   • Curriculum: Divisions were consulted and approval obtained for endorsement of Advanced Placement (AP) list.
   • FLEX/Staff Development: No report.
   • IEC: No report.
   • MIS: No report
   • Safety: A fire drill is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2010.
   • SLOs: No report.
   • Virtual College: No report.

VII. Announcements
   • There were no announcements.

VIII. Public Comment
   • There were no public comments.

IX. Adjournment
   • The Senate adjourned at 2:20 p.m.
I. Call to Order
   • President Javanmard called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes
   • The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. President’s Report
   • Faculty Evaluation: The President of the Faculty Association informed the Senate that in order to change the current faculty evaluation procedure the Faculty Association must consult with the Senate. Three administrators and three faculty are currently looking at the procedure. No major changes are anticipated save an adjustment in the timeline due to the shortened academic calendar. Questions concerning this topic should be directed to Adam Wetsman.

   • Early College Academy: President Javanmard informed the Senate that he addressed the Board of Trustees at their April 7th Board meeting regarding the Early College Academy (EAC). The President of the College assures the Senate that proper assessment of potential students, integrity of curriculum, and assurance of minimal qualifications of instructors will be
maintained. However, Senate is concerned that the ECA was not brought forth through the in-place strategic planning process (IEC, Senate, PFC, etc.) and a clear lack of communication about the EAC continues to dismay the Senate. In addition, the fact that Rio Hondo’s continuing students will be precluded from enrolling in the EAC courses raises questions about equal access to educational opportunities.

IV. Committee Reports

- **Academic Rank**: No report.
- **Bookstore**: No report.
- **Curriculum**: No report.
- **FLEX/Staff Development**: No report.
- **IEC**: No report.
- **MIS**: No report.
- **Program Review**: No report.
- **SLOs**: No report.
- **Safety**: There will be a fire drill in May, probably on a Wednesday.
- **Virtual College**: No report.

IV. New Business

- **Senate Nominations**: Nominations for Senate Exec will be open for one week.
- **Math 72/Graduation Requirement**: The Math Department requests that the Senate approve their new course, the Mathematics of Money, Math 72, as an additional course to satisfy the Math graduation requirement.

  **MOTION**: The Senate moves to include Mathematics of Money (Math 72) as an additional course to satisfy the Rio Hondo math graduation requirement. (Julius Thomas/Adam Wetsman, MSPU)

- **Senate Guest, Vice President Paul Parnell**:
  1. Vice President Parnell announced that there were four college wide coordinator positions recently announced: Honors (40%), Study Abroad (10%), Staff Development
(50%), and Leadership Academy (20%). Applications for these positions are now closed.

2. Dr. Parnell noted that Administration has consulted with Alice Tirre, Shari Magnus, Frank O’Kelly, and Voiza Arnold in following past practice in filling college wide coordinator positions.

3. The (past practice) procedure is coordinated by Human Resources, and the Vice President along with a member of the Senate conduct an interview. The final decision rests with the Vice President.

4. The Senate had proposed by means of a motion that the procedure include three faculty and three administrators who arrive at a decision via consensus (mutual agreement). Dr. Parnell responded, stating that current practice includes one faculty member but the possibility of adding more may at some time be (re)considered.

5. The Senate notes inconsistency in the past practice, citing the procedure for filling the Virtual College Coordinator position and asks for consistency.

6. In regard to the Early College Academy, Counseling notes that the minimum qualifications for a counselor position qualify a candidate to counsel students, not to teach in a classroom. The Counseling Department determines when a counselor is experienced enough to teach.

7. Dr. Parnell assured the Senate that the assignment of classes in the ECA will follow in-place division procedures for assigning classes.

8. The Senate expresses very serious concern about moving an existing on-campus course section offsite to the ECA, especially when this may preclude ongoing students the opportunity to enroll in the course. This is especially of concern to impacted programs and departments.

- **Senate Plenary Report:** John Frala, ASCC representative, reports that the state is revising the minimum qualifications for certain areas. The State senate is also looking into accreditation agencies other than WASC.

- **Senate Bylaws:** The Senate Bylaws discussion is continued to the next meeting.
VI. Unfinished Business

VII. Announcements
   • The Writes of Spring, the Communications and Languages’’ Division annual event celebrating writers and writing will be held on Wednesday, April 29th and Thursday, April 29th in the Wray Theater. All are invited.

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Adjournment
   • President Javanmard adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.