

**Rio Hondo College Academic Senate Minutes**  
**March 17, 2015**  
**Board Room**  
**1:00 P.M.**

**Present: Alan Archambault, Jose Arroyo, Robin Babou, Michelle Bean, Robert Bethel, Ada Brown, Fran Cummings, Marie Eckstrom, Cameron English, Juan Fernandez, John Frala, Theresa Freije, Song Le Graham, Sergio Guzman, Kathleen Hannah, Dianne Holcomb, Mike Javanmard, Steve Koelle, Sheila Lynch, Greg Miller, Gail Modyman, Juana Mora, Steve Moshier, Katie O'Brien, Tyler Okamoto, Shelly Poetter, Vann Priest, Kathy Pudelko, Rudy Rios, Kevin Smith, Adam Wetsman, Jon Whitford, Colin Young, Mariano Zaro**  
**Guests: Mike Munoz, Steve Tomory, Henry Gee**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- March 3rd minutes
- The minutes were accepted without revision.

**III. President's Report**

- **Auto Tech Baccalaureate Program – Steve Tomory**
  - Our degree program will not be presented at the next Board of Governors meeting. It appears that CSULA faculty in Engineering and Tech departments had concerns about curriculum duplication. Rio faculty and administration met with Vice Chancellor Pam Walker. Our faculty will be reaching out to faculty to get their take on the issue. Also our administration will be reaching out to their administration to discuss the issue. The language may need to be modified and it may be moved to the May meeting. We still hope to have our first class offering for the program by Fall, 2017. As part of the 10+1, degrees are part of the Senate's purview, so the Senate will stay on top of this issue.
  - At 1:10, the Academic Senate President made the last call for ballots and closed the election.
- **Common Assessment and Multiple Measure – Mike Munoz**
  - We are one of 12 pilot colleges for a Multiple Measures program that may alter how students are placed. Instead of how things are currently done, students in this cohort will be placed according to the measure for which they scored the highest. Rio Hondo had a work team with representatives from various groups on campus to discuss the issue. This is a small scale pilot and the data will be sent to the Chancellors office where they will make a larger scale suggestion based on data from multiple schools.
- **Taskforce on Student Success in the Classroom**
  - This is a follow up from the session that took place last January where faculty brainstormed for how to increase student success. The conclusions and ideas from

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this session are intended to provide information for the writing of our next Title V grant. The first session is today from 3-4 in Board Room.

- **Distinguished Faculty Award -R Bethel**
  - The committee will review the nominees and will have a recommendation by the end of the week. The Senate will confirm the recommendation at the next meeting.
- **Fellow of the College Nomination Update**
  - The Academic Senate Presidents, the President/Superintendent, the Board of Trustees President, and the ASRHC President will meet on March 26 to select the Fellow of the College.
- **Bookstore- Robert Bethel**
  - A committee comprised of faculty, staff, and administration met with the architect to review plans to remodel the old admissions area in the A building to put the bookstore there. The printshop will go where the old financial aid office was. The bookstore is slated to be 40% larger than the current bookstore and the copy center should be 50% larger as well. The plans are already made. They are working with state agencies to get the appropriate permits. The plans will also be shown at the RHCFA mtg. Currently, the timeline is not clear.
- **Issue 2 of the newsletter**
  - Senators were encouraged to forward articles to Ada for inclusion in the newsletter.

#### **IV. Unfinished Business**

#### **V. New Business**

- **Elections for Senate Officers**
  - The following officers were elected to office:
    - Robert Bethel, President
    - Kevin Smith, 1st Vice President
    - Katie O'Brien, 2nd Vice President
    - Michelle Bean, Secretary
    - Sheila Lynch, Parliamentarian
    - John Frala, ASCCC Representative
  - MOTION (A Brown, 2nd M Eckstrom): The Academic Senate affirms the results of the ballot.
  - Motion Passed Unanimously
- **Changes to the By-Laws – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading**
  - MOTION (F Cummings, 2nd C Young): The Academic Senate approves all three changes to the by-laws as a group for a second reading.

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- Motion Passed Unanimously
- **Priority Enrollment – Henry Gee**
  - There recently was a meeting of the Priority Registration Taskforce. The taskforce recommended these changes. First, that Pathway to Law students are added to Tier 3, Day 1 and second, to give one-time priority registration to students beyond our district (Tier 3, Day 2). This will be capped at 1500 students. Furthermore, the VPSS is going to look into how to get priority registration for students that will be graduating in one semester.
  - MOTION (S Koelle, 2nd K O'Brien): To accept the proposed changes to priority registration.
  - Motion Passed with one abstention (F Cummings)
- **EEO Advisory Council**
  - The EEO Plan was recently presented to PFC. There is a new state mandate that college's EEO Plans have to have a set format with particular items that need to be included. These items need to be reported to the state as well.
  - There is also a section in the plan on EEO monitoring. Training will be online and required for those that are serving on a hiring committee.
  - MOTION (A Wetsman, 2nd R Bethel): The senate recommends that the college adopts the EEO Plan.
  - Motion Passed Unanimously
- **AP 4021 Program Discontinuance**
  - MOTION (A Wetsman, 2nd R Bethel): To accept the proposed version of AP4021 Program Discontinuance.
  - It was noted that this AP requires mutual agreement with the Senate.
  - Motion Passed Unanimously.
- **ASCCC Resolutions**
  - The Area C meeting is coming up during spring break. Topics covered include the four year degrees and a breakout on the future of the SSI.

**VI. Committee Reports**

**Curriculum:** A change is coming to our Directed Studies courses. Currently there is one course outline for all directed studies courses. That doesn't work. Individual areas will have to redo course outlines and tailor it to fit the specific course. These courses are not repeatable.

**FLEX/SD:** There is a Title V committee meeting today. For faculty that teach online (or that want to), stipends are available for completing the online certification course. Deadlines will be this summer.

**DE:** The online certification goes live March 27. Faculty will have six months to complete it.

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**SLO:** There was an SLO symposium March 6. Also, the new ACCJC standards require that we keep SLO data at the student level. That way faculty can answer questions about demographic groups and how they are doing with each SLO.

**VII. Announcements**

K Pudelko: RHCFA meeting this Thursday. Soul food will be served. Also, after reviewing the surveys from Intersession, the take home point was that students took classes during the intersession because faculty promoted the classes.

**VIII. Public Comment****IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16