
RIO HONDO COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE**Minutes****May 1, 2007****1:00-2:15 p.m.****Board Room**

Present: Shelley Spencer; Vann Priest; Gisela Spieler-Persad; Kendra Seiler; Catherine Page; Jon Whitford; Dale Harvey; Robin Babou; Julius Thomas; Katie O'Brien; Rebecca Green; Melissa Rifino-Juarez; Lorraine Sfeir; Theresa Freije; Katie Louie; Barbara Mikalson; Lupe Alvarado; Gil Puga; Carolyn Russell; Claudia Guerrero; Matt Koutroulis; Alyson Cartagena; Jodi Senk; Jim Newman (RHCFA)

- I. Call to Order: Academic Senate President Carolyn Russell convened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.
- II. Minutes of April 17, 2007, and April 24, 2007 (special meeting) were approved as presented.

- III. President's Report

President offered words of thanks to the Senate and praised the commitment of its members. She also offered words of gratitude to the Senate Exec. Additionally, President reviewed, in detail, the accomplishments of the Senate and issues to continue working on.

- IV. Unfinished Business

- A. Elections

Congratulations to Gil Puga (President), Robert Bethel (1st VP), Claudia Guerrero (2nd VP), Matt Koutroulis (Secretary), Vann Priest (Parliamentarian), and John Frala (ASCCC Representative) for their election to the Senate Exec.

- B. Fellow of the College

<u>Motion</u>

Motion to table to a time certain, September 2007. (Newman)

Discussion included clarifying 1-separating procedure from policy; 2-Who is eligible?/Who submits?; 3-Questions regarding person's background (e.g. full-time employee, etc.)

C. Presidential Search

Motion

On April 24, 2007, the Academic Senate took a unanimous vote of no confidence in the seemingly arbitrary process that the Board has followed in order to select the next president of Rio Hondo College. Because we lost confidence in the current presidential hiring process and because we feel that our input would not be valued, the Academic Senate will not participate in the presidential forums or the site visits. However, in order to begin to rebuild respect and trust, the Academic Senate would be eager to work with the Board and other campus constituencies if the search process is re-opened to come to a mutually agreed upon process to select a President that can lead the entire campus community.

D. Foundation

Discussion included: Senate sitting at the Foundation Circle, and the current revision of the by-laws.

V. New Business

Hold May 15, 2007, for a Senate meeting, if needed.

VI. Announcements

The SLO Report has been filed; approximately 50% of classes of SLO's. The Curriculum deadline for Spring 2008 classes will be within the first couple of weeks of the fall semester. Flex reports (including proposed and/or projected completed hours) due today. There will be an after-graduation party.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Russell/Guerrero