Academic Senate Minutes
May 3, 2022 1:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Rebecca Green, Farrah Nakatani, Dave Lindy, Angela Rhodes, Marina Markossian, Michael Koger, William Curington, Jorge Huinquez, Diana Valladares, Tanja Baum, Mike Hinze, Steve Johnson, Erin Irwin, Matsuno Ryan, Jupei Hsiao, Diego Silva, Tammy Camacho, Katie O'Brien, Angelica Martinez, Kevin Smith, Murad Saakyan, Carley Mitchell, Fran Cummings, Juana Mora, Margaret Griffith, Tyler Okamoto, Dorali Pichardo-Diaz, Frank Accardo, Rudy Rios, Shelly Spencer, Jeannie Liu, Jose Lara, Lanyi Peng, Libby Curiel, Robin Babou, Shirley Isaac; Members Absent: Andrea Kurtin, George Kimber, Gerson Montiel, Irma Valdivia, Kelly Lynch, Matthew Pitassi, Razvan Stoian, Sheila Lynch, Wendy Carerra; Ad-hoc Members Present: Elizabeth Ramirez; Guests: Alyson Cartagena, Lucha Arevalo, Melanie Fierro, M. Galvan, Jemima Melgarejo, Don Miller, Tina Sanchez, Steven Yee, Colin Young

1. Call to Order – 1:03 pm

2. Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2022- Approved. (Moved by Kevin Smith, seconded by Katie O’Brien). Motion passes.

3. Public Comment – Katie made a correction to the statistics she reported out at the last meeting regarding the reduction in success rates after one year of implementation of AB 705. For Latino males, the reduction in success rates was 12%, but for the 20 an under group, it was an 11% reduction.

Tyler reminded faculty to remind students who may need additional support about tutoring services available (especially with finals coming up) at the LAC. Will also send out a flyer regarding Gateway tutor requests for Fall 2022. Approved for a grant for new computers including Mac’s in the lab.

4. Presidents Report-

a. Rose Hills Incident- Dr. Miller VPAA- Last Thursday afternoon, he, President Dreyfuss, and VP Dr. Dixon-Peters with other several campus community members were at a Guided Pathways institute when the LA County Sheriff’s office contacted campus security office regarding a suspect that they believed might be armed at Rose Hills. They made a recommendation that Rio clear the softball and baseball fields. They did not recommend a lockdown nor a campus wide evacuation. Dean Brown was called at approximately 1:38pm by the campus security office and she then made sure that the fields were cleared. Within about an hour, the suspect was apprehended (suspect was stationary at Rose Hills) and suspect surrendered to officers. The Sherriff’s office then called Rio back to inform them the fields could be occupied once again. The email that was sent out did not have a clear breakdown of events/clarity about the situation. The next morning President Dreyfuss wrote her message to inform everyone that they will work on clear communication and make sure they are precise in their emails as to not cause alarm or concern in future communications.
Senator asked if in the future, everyone will be alerted to incidents such as these. Dr. Miller believes it will be a good idea that if this were to happen again in the future, that all campus will be made aware even if it does not impact their area. Dr. Miller mentioned the incident last Thursday all happened within an hour and there wasn’t enough communication to the VP to then turnaround and send out a communication to all.

Another senator mentioned that Rio held evacuation and emergency response trainings a few years ago and was wondering if that would continue in the future. Dr. Miller said that is the intent and his hope. Will make a recommendation to the new President for regular 1 hour trainings for emergency response, earthquakes, and active shooter scenarios.

Senator mentioned that the pause has been we haven’t had a facility director stay long enough to put all this back in place. We have a person on academic senate (Scott Jaeggi) that is the co-chair to help facilitate the conversation but they are not taking the place of the facility director. In process of hiring a facility director. Also informed us that the President has offered to answer questions about the incident and he is available for questions too. Dr. Miller confirms that the news in the media regarding Rio Hondo College were inaccurate.

b. **Covid-19 Taskforce Update** - Met last week and will meet again tomorrow. Topic of discussion has been about the survey and the mask mandate. A piece they have to work with is that CSEA’s MOU is set to expire June 30th and in the MOU it indicates there is a mask mandate. Talked about BA.2 variant and that it is more transmissible than the BA.1. Biggest item of discussion is whether having a vaccine mandate is impacting our enrollment. Enrollment is down across the state. The VP’s were tasked to look into the colleges that were doing well with their enrollment, what their vaccine mandate is. One of the things proposed was the option of weekly testing for those who are unvaccinated.

A senator asked what evidence/data exists that would confirm that vaccine mandates have an impact on enrollment? At the Covid Taskforce meeting, Angelica asked if there were any other factors they were looking at, aside from the vaccine mandate.

Another senator asked if there was any conversation about expectation of faculty presence and that is still being discussed in negotiations. No talk about MOU’s for Summer and beyond.

Senator asked if we had survey data about students who were enrolled pre-pandemic and what might be preventing them from enrolling. Senate President said the survey sent to students was more about instructional preferences (online vs. in-person vs. synchronous or asynchronous).

RCHFA President mentioned deans have been given the green light to serve demand which means offering courses online or in-person to provide the instruction students want. Senator asked if this was true about Student Success Deans too. Rudy believes so and that Dr. Dixon-Peters leads him to believe that he is a strong advocate of remote services. He will ask him again if his intent is to make sure that the demand is met both remotely and on campus without mandating a certain percentage of people being on campus.

Senate President mentioned that at the President’s council, Dr. Miller shared that summer classes that are in person seem to be lower enrolled than online courses.

c. **AP 4050 technical edits (Appendix C)** - Two minor edits.

d. **Graduation Friday May 27, 2022 @10am** - Everyone is welcomed and invited
e. **Teacher Appreciation** - Thank you for all you do. Senate President knows that there has been a lot of innovation and optimizing how we work with students. In appreciation, two $5 gift cards to Starbucks were raffled off. Winners: Tanja Baum and Kevin Smith.

5. **Vice Presidents Report**

a. **1st Vice President** – FACCC is hosting a zoom meeting to discuss AB 1705. It is being put on by BIPOC committee of FACCC and led by AS President of LACCD and math professor from ELAC. It will be held Friday, May 13th @ 9:30am.

https://faccc.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=icalevent.detail&evid=205&year=2022&month=04&day=28&uid=9bde382d93399ee15d4dfa938b9e0423

b. **2nd Vice President** – There will be puppy therapy on May 17th. Fresh produce is now part of the Grab and Go 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month between 12pm-2pm.

6. **Unfinished Business**

7. **New Business**

a. Brown Act: AB 361 (Appendix B)

   **Motion:** To continue meeting via teleconferencing due to the continued state of emergency. (Moved by Shelly Spencer and seconded by Steve Johnson). Motion passes.

8. **Committee Reports**

   a. **Senate Committees:**

   i. **Academic Rank** – Commendations will happen at this month’s BOT meeting. Recipients will receive an invitation from Renee Gallegos to attend virtually.

   ii. **Curriculum** – Next meeting May 11th.

   iii. **Instructional Technology (ITC)** - None

   iv. **Online Education (OEC)** - Written report (Appendix A).

   v. **Open Educational Resources (OER)** - None

   **Staff Development/Flex** – Staff Development has purchased a number of “Professional Presentation kits” to enable key folks on campus to make their meetings, class sessions and recordings as top quality as possible. Looking for a few volunteers who would like to have access to these kits (there are 20 of them) which includes * Logitech Webcam

   * Adjustable camera stand among other items. Recipients will receive training on how to put these things together and the ask is that these people will be willing to help other people set up their kits when the time comes. If interested, please email Katie.

vi. **Outcomes** – New PLOs: If you created new certificates and/or degrees, please submit your Program Level Outcomes so they may be included in next year’s catalog (Due: May 20th).

Data Due: Outcomes data for AY 2021-2022 must be submitted in Taskstream by part-time and full
time faculty members (Due: June 30th). CTL Early Birds: If you want to get a jump start on your Fall 22 Close-the-Loop discussions for AY 2021-2022, the CTL form can be found here. CTL link: https://outcomes.riohondo.edu/ctl/ (Due: October 2022).

b. Planning & Fiscal Council Committees:

i. Institutional Effectiveness (IEC) – Gearing up for the institutional planning retreat this Friday.

ii. Facilities - None

iii. Program Review – None

iv. PPC – None

v. Safety – None

b. Other Committees:

i. Foundational Skills and Instructional Support - None

ii. Bookstore - None

iii. Enterprise Systems Advisory – None

iv. Online Education Initiative (OEI) – None

v. OERI – None

vi. Student Equity - Met last week and will be working on Student Equity plan 2.0 which is asking that they move toward race conscious transformational activities vs transactional colorblind activities and approaches to student success. Will be working in the summer and will share a draft of the student equity plan with different constituency groups in the Fall.

vii. Student Success and Support Services Program (SSSP) – None

10. Announcements – None

11. Adjournment – 1:40pm
Distance Education Senate Report- April 21, 2022

1. Knowmia Techsmith/Relay, a multimedia creation and storage platform that many faculty use for video recording and storage, was discontinued. TechSmith will sunset video hosting at the end of June. IT and DE are working on a solution to bring over videos for faculty to Canvas Studio. The Chancellor’s Office is supporting Canvas Studio for another year and IT/DE will budget to keep the service in the future.

2. Proctorio, Camtasia/Snagit, Canvas Studio, Turnitin-Sim Check apps will be supported for another year.

3. Online Teaching Conference June 29-July 1st to be held in person at the Long Beach Convention Center. 22 faculty are registered to attend the conference this year.

Online Library Services update

1. Video Streaming Library Databases
   a. In addition to our popular Films on Demand database, we now have platform subscriptions to Kanopy and Swank
   b. Faculty can request access to specific films and documentaries (if available for purchase in the platform’s catalog, which are both very extensive – from Hollywood movies to independent films)
   c. Make requests by navigating to the databases, creating an account, and finding the film title on the platform, OR contacting your division liaison librarian, OR contacting Irene Truong.
Steps for AB 361 compliance

Discussion item: Are we still in a state of emergency? If so, do either of the following circumstances exist?:

1. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; or
2. State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing

If the answer is “yes” and either of the above circumstances exists, then the committee can take a vote on the following:

Motion: To continue meeting via teleconferencing due to the continued state of emergency.

Every 30 days: Reapprove the motion related to meeting via teleconferencing due to the continued state of emergency.

Note: The initial discussion and motion should be taken by the local legislative bodies (shared governance committees such as Academic Senate and its subcommittees) as soon as possible or no later than their first meetings of October 2021.
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IV. High school articulation
   A. High school articulation is the process that allows high school students to earn college credits through signed agreements between the high school district and Rio Hondo College.
   B. An articulated course has gone through a formal articulation agreement process where both the high school teacher and college faculty agree that the high school course content meets the objectives and rigor of the community college course.
   C. Articulation agreements are viewable at getcollegecredits.richondo.edu articulate.richondo.edu.

V. Sources/references
   A. Title 5, Sections 51022 subdivision (b) and 55051
   B. ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.10
   C. Education Code Section 66720-66744