



**RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES – SATURDAY JANUARY 17, 2015, 11:30 A.M.**

- Location:** Rio Hondo College Board Room  
3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier CA 90601
- Members Present:** Ms. Madeline Shapiro, President  
Vicky Santana, Vice President  
Ms. Norma E. Garcia, Clerk (Arrived 1:50 p.m.)  
  
Ms. Mary Ann Pacheco, Member
- Members Absent:** Mr. Gary Mendez, Member (Not Excused)  
Jaime “JJ” Magallón, Student Trustee (Excused)
- Staff Members:** Ms. Teresa Dreyfuss, Superintendent/President  
Mr. Henry Gee, Vice President Student Services  
Dr. Kenn Pierson, Vice President Academic Affairs  
Ms. Myeshia Armstrong, Vice President, Finance  
and Business  
Dr. Vann Priest, Academic Senate President  
Ms. Kathy Pudelko, RHCFA President  
Ms. Sandra Rivera, CSEA President  
  
Ms. Sandy Sandello (Recorder)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Call to Order**

Ms. Shapiro called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Mary Ann Pacheco led the salute to the flag.

**C. Roll Call**

All members of the Board reported present with the exception of Gary Mendez and Norma Garcia who later arrived at 1:50 p.m.

**D. Open Communication for Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## E. Study Session

The board engaged in a discussion on the following topics:

- **Board's Role in Educational Quality and Effectiveness** - The Board reviewed the section of the ACCJC Guide to Accreditation for Governing Boards related to monitoring performance at the college. They discussed indicators that should be placed on a list for review throughout the academic year. The Institution-set standards will be the basis for the list that will be compiled by the Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

Trustee Garcia arrived at this point of the meeting (1:50 p.m.).

- **Discussion and Review of BP 4030 - Academic Freedom** – Warren Kinsler of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, presented on the Law of Academic Freedom. Dr. Vann Priest, Academic Senate President, reviewed the proposed Board Policy 4030 which was approved by the Senate and reviewed by PFC as well as a subcommittee of PFC (See Attached).
- **Monitor, enhance, and strengthen the relationships with the communities served by the college**
  - **Community Engagement Strategies, Mechanisms, and Activities** – Mr. Henry Gee, Vice President of Student Services, reviewed the new initiative, “Adopt-A-School” and explained the “menu options” that the schools would be given and the college would provide as a form of outreach (See attached).
- **February Board Retreat Date** – The Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

- **Date of Next Special Meeting** – Saturday, February 7, 2015, 11:00 a.m., Rio Hondo College Board Room
- **Next Regular Meeting** – Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Rio Hondo College Board Room

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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I. Statement of Policy

In the interest of providing an academic atmosphere in which Rio Hondo College faculty, administration, staff and students and Board can function in an effective manner and to encourage robust, thought-provoking, and intense discussion, the following academic freedom premise and guidelines shall prevail.

II. Philosophy

The maintenance of freedom of speech, publication, religion, and assembly (each of which is a component of intellectual freedom) is the breath of life in a democratic society. The need is greatest in fields of higher learning, where the use of reason and the cultivation of the highest forms of human expression are the basic methods for maintaining those freedoms. Society has come to rely upon colleges and universities as a principal means of acquiring new knowledge and new techniques, of conveying the fruits of past and present learning to the community, and of transmitting these results to generations to come. Without freedom to explore, to criticize existing institutions, to exchange ideas, and to advocate solutions to human problems, faculty members, staff and students cannot perform their work, cannot maintain their self-respect. Society suffers correspondingly. The liberty that is needed requires a freedom of thought and expression within colleges and universities, freedom to carry the results of honest inquiry to the outside, and a freedom to influence human affairs in the same manner as other informed persons do. Nor is the value of freedom lessened because error at times arises from its exercise. Learning, intellectual development, and social and scientific progress takes place on a trial-and-error basis, and even the unsound cause or hypothesis may call forth the truth that displaces it.

III. Guidelines

In pursuit of the above, the Board of Trustees, the faculty, staff, administrators, and students at Rio Hondo College recognizes recognize the following rights and responsibilities:

- A. ~~Faculty members~~ Campus members must be free from pressures or demands which that restrict their intellectual search for and transmittal of knowledge.
- B. Membership in the academic community imposes on students, faculty members, administrators, staff, and board of trustees the Board an obligation to respect the dignity of others, to acknowledge their right, without institutional censorship or disciplinary action, to express differing inquiry and instruction, and free expression.

- C. Faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subjects which **that** may include related controversial issues. Faculty should help the student develop techniques for considering controversial questions – techniques which **that** he/she will habitually use in later life. The handling of a controversial question in a college should be free from assumption that there is one correct answer to be taught authoritatively to the student.
- D. The faculty will be guided in its teaching by a deep conviction of the worth and dignity of the advancement of knowledge and the special responsibilities that the pursuit of this carries. The primary responsibility faculty members have to their discipline is to seek and state the truth as they understand it, and to this end they will devote their energies.
- E. As teachers, faculty members will encourage in their students the free pursuit of learning and will hold them to a high scholarly standard. Every effort will be made to foster honest academic conduct in students and to assure them that their evaluation reflects true achievement. Faculty members will avoid exploiting the students for private advantage and will protect the student's academic freedom.
- F. **Faculty members Faculty, staff, administrators, and students** are citizens and are members of a learned **profession community** and an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline. **As such, faculty members campus members may exercise their constitutionally protected freedom of speech and participate in public debate, both within their area of expertise and beyond, to comment on any issue.** **Faculty members Campus members** should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their statements. Hence, **faculty members campus members** should at all times attempt to be accurate, **should exercise judiciousness, show respect for the opinions of others,** and should indicate when they are not speaking for the College.
- G. **Furthermore, faculty members campus members are entitled to express viewpoints on any matter of institutional policy or action whether or not that person acts as a member of college governance.**
- ~~H. **When evaluating issues of academic freedom, the District will consult collegially through mutual agreement with faculty jointly appointed by the Academic Senate and the Rio Hondo College Faculty Association on contemporary practices and professional standards.**~~
- I. **The Board of Trustees of Rio Hondo College recognizes its responsibility to go on record with a declaration of the above principles. Having done so, the Board plans to protect teaching and administrative personnel District employees campus members from any partisan pressures which that may develop.**

#### IV. Source/Reference

Title 5, Section 51023; Accreditation Standard II.A.7, **American Association of University Professors' 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure.**



## Adopt-A-School

### Menu Options

Adopt-A-School Menu Items	Description
Classroom Visits (i.e. Avid)	A classroom presentation on the 4 systems of Higher Education, Financial Aid, and A-G requirements (15, 30, and 45 minute presentation options are available).
Higher Education Assembly	School assembly on the 4 systems of Higher Education, Financial Aid, and A-G requirements (15, 30, and 45 minute options are available).
Back to School Nights / Open House	A Rio Hondo College Outreach table providing handouts about Rio Hondo College, programs, and services.
Presentations to PTA's, ELAC, PTC's or other Parent groups	A *presentation on the 4 systems of Higher Education, Financial Aid, and A-G requirements (15, 30, and 45 minute options are available) *Spanish presentation/presenter is available
Rio Hondo College Campus Tour and Student Panel <i>***Bus Transportation not included</i>	Visit Rio Hondo College and receive a 45 minute campus tour followed by a 45 minute presentation about Rio Hondo College. Also hear from a student panel about their college experience.

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ADOPT-A-SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS - AS OF 11-7-14

TRUSTEE AREA	Area 1 (Garcia)	Area 2 (Santana)	Area 3 (Pacheco)	Area 4 (Mendez)	Area 5 (Shapiro)
COMMUNITIES INCLUDED	El Monte	Pico Rivera/West Whit	Uptown Whittier/South El Monte	SFS/SW/Los Nietos	East Whittier
1ST CONTACT	Vanessa Chavez	Yvonne Gutierrez-Sandoval	Ruthie Flores-Retana	Heba Griffiths	Russell CC
1ST SCHOOL	Kranz Intermediate	STEAM Academy @ Burke	Dean Shively MS	Graves Middle	Hillview Middle
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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT/ EVENTS ATTENDED			Dean Shively MS - Back to School New Temple - Back to School	South Whittier SD - PTA Retreat	

\* Note that New Temple Elementary was also reached, but it was determined that only the middle school will be adopted