

# AS \_\_\_\_\_ 2013-2014

## Rio Hondo College Academic Senate

### Minutes

September 17, 2013

Board Room

1:00 p.m.

**Present:** Alan Archambault, Robin Babou, Michelle Bean, Robert Bethel, Brian Brutlag, Fran Cummings, Marie Eckstrom, Cameron English, Juan Fernandez, John Frala, Theresa Freije, Jorge Huinquiz, David Lindy, Sheila Lynch, Jim Matthis, Greg Miller, Gail Modyman, Steve Moshier, Russell Muir, Katie O'Brien, Tyler Okamoto, Sally Olivas, Vann Priest, Kathy Pudelko, Ron Reeder, Dianna Reyes, Kevin Smith, Adam Wetsman, Jon Whitford, Colin Young, Mariano Zaro

**Guests:** Lydia Gonzalez, Mike Javanmard, Howard Kummerman, Kenn Pierson

### Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m

#### I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written without correction.

#### II. President's Report

A. IEC representatives Lydia Gonsalez and Howard Kummerman presented information about the progress reached in Std. I. of Accreditation and the formation of a new Mission statement which will be vetted to the entire campus via online surveys and open session discussions; yet to be produced. An Email will be sent with further information.

Adam informed the Senate about the new process of the meetings (many motions being produced by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC)) and the rationale behind it. Katie O'Brien expressed concern regarding this and it's possible effects on full Senate participation.

B. Adam explained the present state of enrollment and the search by Adm. for more FTES in the Spring as we are lower in enrollment than we have been though still above CAP.

C. Adam explained that the Senate proposals regarding Governance were rejected by the Adm.

D. Minimum Qualifications will be taken up in the next session.

E. A proposal regarding "shared governance" has been forwarded to the Adm. The Accreditation concerns approved by the Senate (9/3/2013) were communicated to the Adm. in what was described as a "good meeting".

There is a bill (AB 955) on the Governor's desk allowing for some Community Colleges to charge for classes in summer and intersession terms.

#### III. New Business

A. AP 2510, regarding the role of Academic Senate in the professional matter, is in the process of being re-approved and the Senate has approved certain language changes.

The following SEC motion :

**The Rio Hondo College Academic Senate president is directed to propose changes to AP 2510 that incorporate language related to primarily reliance.**  
was approved without opposition.

- B. Class Conflict Waiver: There was discussion concerning presented forma and rationale. A substitute motion to the SEC motion was submitted by S. Lynch, seconded by F. Cummings and passed with one opposed. The original SEC statement:

*Class conflicts occur when a student must miss part of a class meeting time because there is overlap between the end of one class and the beginning of another, or when there is insufficient pass time between two classes. Under exceptional circumstances, the faculty member teaching the affected class may approve of the conflict by completing this form. Exceptional circumstances are those where compelling academic reasons require a student to take both conflicting classes in the same term (such as being on more than one athletic team) and where only a single section of each conflicting class is offered. They do not include instances where multiple sections of one or both of the classes are offered or where the student could take one of the classes in a different term.*

was substituted with :

*Class conflicts occur when a student must miss part of a class meeting time because there is overlap between the end of one class and the beginning of another, or when there is insufficient pass time between two classes. Under exceptional circumstances, **and only when there is an overlap of ten minutes or less**, the faculty member teaching the affected class may approve of the conflict by completing this form. Exceptional circumstances are those where compelling academic reasons require a student to take both conflicting classes in the same term (such as being on more than one athletic team) and where only a single section of each conflicting class is offered. They do not include instances where multiple sections of one or both of the classes are offered or where the student could take one of the classes in a different term.*

The motion was accepted with one opposition and passed with 5 opposed.

- C. Program Review Committee Membership: A motion from SEC approving the changes in the membership of the Program Review Committee was approved without opposition. It was commented that these change reflect present practice.
- D. Governance Manual Changes: A motion to approve changes to Governance Manual regarding committee reviews was approved without opposition.
- E. Distance Education Committee: In light of the difficulties in reaching consensus between Adm. and AS regarding the issue of reassigned time in general and especially regarding this issue as it applies to the Chair of the Distance Education Committee, the SEC has motioned the following:

**The Academic Senate shall establish its own Distance Education Committee, with two representatives from each division. The Committee will select a**

**chair, write governing documents, and discuss matters relating to distance education.**

There was ample discussion regarding meeting times and the logistical problems therein with various suggested fixes. A substitute motion was proposed

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The substitute motion was accepted and passed without opposition.

- F. BP 4030 (Academic Freedom): In light of new court rulings, the SEC has motioned that new language be incorporated into BP 4030 , with the following motion coming from the SEC:

F. Faculty members are citizens and are members of a learned profession and an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline. ***Protected academic speech is not confined to scholarship, and can include such things as budget, curriculum, departmental structure, and hiring.*** Faculty members should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their statements. Hence, faculty members should at all times attempt to be accurate and should indicate when they are not speaking for the College.

**The Academic Senate approves the modifications to BP 4030 and directs the Senate President to forward the changes for governance review and adoption.**

The motion was passed without opposition

### **Committee Reports**

- Academic Rank:
- Bookstore:
- Curriculum:
- Distance Education: Report submitted by M. Javanmard (see which)
- IEC:
- ITC:
- MIS/Enterprise:
- Professional Development/FLEX:
- Program Review:
- Safety: Report submitted by Brian Brutlag (see which)
- SLO:

### **VI: Announcements:**

Ron Reeder has an Art Gallery show "It's About Time" running through \_\_\_\_\_. The Art Gallery is open 9-3 M-Th.

Kathy Pudelko gave information regarding the new “state-of-the-art” Fitness Center and that because of demand orientation sessions are filling fast. Faculty are encouraged to sign up to get a tour of the facilities.

**VII:Public Comment:** None

**VIII: Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:10