I. Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 3:03pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance: The President recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment: Mrs. Gaubeca was present to thank faculty in her quest to complete her dissertation.

V. Motion to adopt the Minutes

First: Hortensia Rivera Second: Dennese Edgerton

Correction: “Discussion among faculty and administration shared thoughts and reasons to consolidate student services” [Oct 8, 2013 minutes] Correction is the “Moving DSPS and Distance Ed for a learning skills center.”

Correction: “A committee is assigned to meet and return back next month to discuss a proposal of changes and solution to a move of departments.” [Oct 8, 2013 minutes] Correction: recommendation “a LSC location.”

Approval of minutes as amended: Motion approved Unanimously

VI. Motion to adopt the Agenda, along with the addendum:

First: Dennese Lilly Edgerton Second: David Silva

Unanimous Approval

President’s Report

Feedback from the Fall Plenary Academic Senate Conference was the main item of discussion. The web site has plenty of information that was passed. The primary focus was on the ACCJC issues.

On a separate matter, the President covered issues on online instruction.

FTES was an item of discussion. Recruitment is very low, we need to have more face-to-face instruction time. We have resources available to us. Staci Lee is the contact person with respect to outreach matters. Our approx. FTES is 1400. With regards to recruitment, Senate President encouraged college wide participation, but Staci Lee has marketing goals she could share with the Senate, if we can get her to attend at our December 10th meeting.

Other discussion matters also discussed was the campaign effort to pass a BOND. The BOND issue is one item that is being considered for improving the future of the college.

BSI may be helping with providing bus passes to students, for those who qualify. Additional details will be available if anyone is interested in wanting to know more on how obtain information on the bus passes. See Biju!

The hiring process for the VP of instruction and student services is on hold. The college President/Superintendent put the “Process” on hold until further notice.
The next senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th at 3pm.

A number of 2nd readings will need to come around. So please try to be there.

New Business
We need approval of the Senate body for the new hiring of personnel; ESL credit and non-credit tenure track Instructor, the division supported the hiring of a person. The data collected was very thin. However, the need to have a person in this area was supported by the Division. The issue of conflict was over the “Extension of Advertisement.”

Motion to adopt the APPROVAL of the hiring of a” ESL Credit and Non-credit Tenure Track Instructor”.

First: Brian Thiebaux  
Second: David Silva

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Motion to adopt the APPROVAL of the hiring of a “ADS/Sociology Tenure Track Instructor”.

First: Kevin Eoff  
Second: David Silva

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1st – First Reading of Equivalency:
There are two basic ways to certify to teach or counsel in community colleges. You must go through minimum qualifications. You must have academic field a Master’s degree or above, if you want to teach credit classes. For non-credit classes, you must have a bachelor’s or above. For the vocational technical field you can often have an AA and 6 years of experience. [Upon that, administration signs off to it]

Upon other circumstances, when matters are not “necessarily clear”. Candidates must go through a separate process referred as “Equivalency.” It’s a judgment by the arm of the Academic Senate body that you have a equivalent in the area the candidate is seeking approval for.

The website (PVC) at some point (we are still working through the cleaning up the final details) will have details and information on the rules and how the process will go through. This information will help candidates understand the step by step process.

Motion to APPROVE 1st Reading of Equivalency:

First: Brian Thiebaux  
Second: Carlos Medina

Unanimous Approval:
[2nd Reading will be at the December 10, 2013 Meeting]

Update on the new Student Success Center (SSC)
Hortensia reported on October’s meeting. The group considered 4 matters; 1) assessment placement area, 2) independent study learning services and computers writing lab area, 3) workshop presentation areas, and 4) tutoring areas.

The group brainstormed to the formation of these areas. Other discussion was on staffing and the expenses associated to that. The group discussed matters of privacy and having less traffic areas for student use. The group recommended on having “classroom or secluded” areas for students. The final decision will come from “Administration.”

PVC Library
Survey was handed out and completed.

Reports:
Basic Skills- Meeting was held October 18th. Another meeting will be coming up.

Curriculum: Meeting was scheduled the week November 11th.
Equivalency: The group is still working on other matters… No new information to report.

Flex Day - The agenda is out.

Reading Apprenticeship - Meeting was scheduled for the week November 11th.

Online Internship - Carlos Medina contacted a school in Puerto Rico with respect to providing classes to students in their area.

Budget Committee - A document was handed out to help define the path of the committee. Information was shared to the Senate to review and comment on.

Distance Learning - The number one concern is about receiving phone calls from students and not knowing ID of the person on the other side of the line. Solution is to email the student to avoid FIRPA violations.

Non community students requesting proctors for their exams well in advance. Language is in syllabus and additional information should be found in the “workspace” of the bridge.

Instructors should provide syllabus to the distance education office as soon as possible. If you state that you will have information on a certain date, please get the information there as stated or sooner.

Foundation - Dennese stated ASG needs to be aware that need to be present at the meetings.

Program Review Committee - The group is working to make changes and update mission statement, along with updating the instructional issues.

Motion to Adjourn
4: 30pm