Palo Verde College

ACADEMIC SENATE

2014-2015

Biju Raman-President  David Silva-Vice President  Peter A. Martinez-Secretary

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Attendance: Boire, Joe, Brown, Teh-Min, Burgeson Sharron, Castillo Richard, Copple Dereck, Eoff, Kevin; Maria Gamez; Garcia, Alejandro; Gaubeca, Michael, Hernandez, Victor; Lilley-Edgerton, Dennese; Martinez, Peter; Medina, Carlos; Peterson, Scott; Raman, Biju; Redwine Karen; Rhoades, Michael; Rinaldi, Henry; Silva, David; Rivera, Hortensia; Robertson, Robert; Sher, Sandra; Shibalovich, Paul; Smith, Lujano, Lorenzo; Willie; Snider, Greg; Stoeckle, Sioux; Thiebaux, Brian; Dagnino Irma; Wallace Bruce; Osayande, Solomon; Turner, June; Danson, Alex, Frid, Sarah.

Guest: Dr. Sean Hancock, Vice President Instruction and Student Services

Dr. Don, Wallace, Superintendent/President

I. Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 3:02pm

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

III. Public Comment: Dr. Hancock spoke on his goals for the college. He briefly covered the core issues of accreditation. He addressed the work that needs to be completed to get the college back on track.

IV. Motion to adopt the Minutes: September 9, 2014

First: Hortensia Rivera  Second: Lorenzo Lujano

Corrections: Persons present in the August meeting: Sarah Frid and Lorenzo Lujano. Sharron Burgeson was not present for that meeting.

Approval of Minutes with Amendments: Unanimously Approved

V. Motion to adopt the Agenda: October 14, 2014

First: David Silva  Second: Victor Hernandez

Approval of Agenda Unanimously Approved

New Business:

Equivalency- Dr. Robertson spoke on the equivalency and spoke on the submission of three applicants. In short, one application was approved (*see amendment) in the area of health and the remaining two applicants were not granted equivalency.

Motion to Approve: First: David Silva  Second: Irma Dagnino

Approval of Motion: Unanimous

*Amendment: David Atiyota approval of equivalency in the area of Health

President’s Report

Biju spoke on the accreditation matter. We have a report that is due on March 15, 2015. Dr. Hancock is the new ALO and the process will initiate at our next Flex Day event. Biju reminded the group the importance of every ones participation to gain favorable citations from the commission.

Second, the accreditation team dinged us on SLOs, thus, a program review committee and SLO committee will merge at some point. Nevertheless, a coordination of services will be formed between these two groups.

Third, with respect to the ISAs, Sheri Jones has resigned her role as coordinator. Dr. Hancock will organize the functions of this process to make sure we are up-to-date, then assign those duties to someone.
Fourth, FTES calculations are being done based on the number 1730 FTES. The budget committee established that the base number is 1400, plus the summer enrollment. In essence, we have increase enrollment of 20% +. Thus, we should have an ending balance of $290,000 +/-.

Response(s): Scott Peterson requested we get often reports from instruction office or administration on our progress.

Biju stated that we need to wait on A&R report on no shows before we can have a better estimation on our budget figures.

Response(s): Dr. Don Wallace was presented and responded to the budget and briefly made a point that the passing of a local bond would position the college in a favorable position by relieving general fund dollars. Dr. Wallace did mention that the numbers coming out of the leadership are conservative, but did add that it’s difficult to get a true figure at the moment. Our primary goal is to get our enrollments to 1800.

Equivalency process is about complete. Shortly, the senate will take it to a vote for adoption then it will be sent to college council and then forwarded to the board of trustees.

Fifth, a letter was written and read out to the faculty with respect to Ms. Sheri Jones tenure-ship. This letter is available to anyone who wants a copy.

Motion to Approve: First: Hortensia Rivera Second: Mike Rhoades
Approval of the Motion to read the letter to the Board of Trustees: Unanimously

Committee Reports:
BSI- Basic Skills Committee is attending a conference in Anaheim, Ca.
Curriculum- A committee meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2014.
Equivalency- The committee is requesting from the field if anyone decides to submit an application for equivalency to please submit evidence if you wish for your application be approved.
Scholarships- funds are requested from the field to support the cause.
Facilities & Security Task Force- Emergency preparedness is being prepared and once it’s completed it will be placed on the website.

Open forum:
Challenge forms are being used to waive a course. The waiver has a domino effect with other discipline areas. Thus, the process needs to cautiously be reviewed to avoid making erroneous errors. Further discussions was dialoged among the group of the senate floor.

Announcements:
Dr. Garcia spoke on a field trip that’s scheduled for Friday, October 24th, 2014. It’s an open invitation to see a solar eclipse.

Motion to Adjourn
4: 42pm

Meeting Dates:

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