Palo Verde College
ACADEMIC SENATE
2013-2014
Biju Raman- President  David Silva -Vice President  Peter A. Martinez-Secretary

MINUTES
Tuesday, April 8th, 2014


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:

V. Motion to adopt the Minutes for March 11, 2014
   First:  Dennese-Lilley Edgerton  Second:  David Silva
   Approval of Minutes: Unanimous

VI. Motion to adopt the Agenda: April 8th, 2014
   First:  Dennese-Lilley Edgerton  Second:  Victor Hernandez
   Amendment: Request of the President not to make his monthly report
   Approval of Agenda: Unanimous

New Business:
The President announced the desire to close/eliminate some of the sub-committees that don’t’ meet at all. Rather than requesting feedback from those committees, we will attempt to eliminate them for the good of the order. Thus, we will focus only on those that meet regularly. A more detailed list will be provided in the following meeting.

Comments: Sharron Burgeson pointed out that some of these sub-committees could be combined, but they will need to restate their goals and what will be done.

Brian Thiebaux also pointed out that there is a board policy that needs to be visited before making a final call on the matter.

Officers Report:
There is some good news and some fair news….based on the exit report from the Accreditation team report, we are very likely to have a dismal record report. We don’t have a clear status report. However, Biju feels we have two line items that did catch the Accreditation team’s attention. And those items happen to be on budgeting and on SLOs. These are repeated line items from 2008. So, we expect to have some kind of sanction status on July 2014.

Second, Biju pointed out that we (instruction) had 200 fewer mid-term deficiencies reports submitted this time around than in the past semester. This is so important we meet continuously.

Third, FTES matter is looking up. Not counting summer 2014 and not counting the ISAs, we will end up with at approximately 1400. The summer 2014 will be projected for 2014-2015. Thus, it should help us meet our goal of 1600 or even 1800.

Department of Corrections, is the process of approving the contract with respect to the release of “Parolees.” We plan to exit 120 students every 5weeks. We will have employees designated to handle this population as they exit the system and possibly become part of our enrollment numbers.
David Silva requested for everyone to submit their cap and gown request promptly.

**Open forum:**
Biju wanted for the body to consider plus (+) and (-) be added on grades. Biju imposed the question “Are you happy with the way it is?” or do we want to change the grading system that will include pluses and minus. The issue was opened for discussion.

**Comments:** Denisse Lilley Edgerton requested we work and get Shelly Hamilton’s feedback on the issue.
Sharron Burgeson questioned how other institutions recognize the grading process.
Shelly Hamilton responded and pointed out that other institutions in our region use the same grading.
Richard Castillo “based on Shelly’s statement, there is no change or make much a difference”, thus, no need to move forward on the issue. Since there is no state mandate, “no need to get distracted on this…”
Sioux Stoekle if this a matter of spending money, “I think we have other matters of much important importance…” Sioux agreed with Richard Castillo.

Barbeque- is scheduled on May 2nd, 2014 volunteers are needed.

After the Barbeque, the jazz band will have a concert free of charge…everyone is invited.

Priority enrollment begins on May 3rd.

Denisse Lilley-Edgerton announced on a fundraiser to cover costs for a funeral expenses. Any assistance, please see Denisse.

**Hiring for VP**
Dereck Copple and June Turner are the faculty representatives on the hiring committee. The starting date of employment is July 1st, 2014

**Motion to Adjourn**
Scott Peterson and David Silva
4:00 pm