Palo Verde College  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
2014-2015  

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Attendance:  Boire, Joe, Brown, Teh-Min, Buregson 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, Joseph Henry; Rivera, Hortensia; Robertson, Robert; Sher, Sandra; Shibalovich, Paul; Smith, Willie; Stoecke, Sioux; Thiebaux, Brian; Dagnino Irma; Wallace Bruce;

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

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:

V. Motion to adopt the Agenda: September 9th, 2014
   First:   Dennese Lilley Edgerton    Second:   Hortensia Rivera
   Approval of Agenda:   Unanimous

Motion to adopt the Minutes: August 19, 2014
   First:   Victor Hernandez    Second:   Bruce Wallace
   Approval of Minutes:   Unanimous

New Business:
Biju welcomed the senate body back.  He also addressed to the group that he went in front of the board of trustees to delay the tenure-ship of Ms. Sheri Jones, being unsuccessful, she was granted full tenure.  There are other issues that surround Ms. Jones status at PVC.  No other comments were addressed or mentioned.

We hired a new music instructor at Palo Verde College.  Thus, the new hired instructor was welcomed.  Please see future meeting dates for his name.

Biju, spoke on the equivalency policy and mentioned that a meeting is scheduled within the week to ratify this new policy.  College council will shortly be placing its blessing on it, so we can bring it back to the full senate for approval.

David Silva mentioned changes in positions; Victor Hernandez is in counseling, Irma Dagnino is back in counseling. Lorenzo Lujano is division chair for counseling. Machi Rivera is now a new Administrator for EOPS.

Biju, also asked the group to review the committee assignments for accuracy.  It’s important for everyone to review it for any errors, it should be reflected as of our last meeting for 2013-2014.

Henry Rinaldi, spoke on the “Bond” matter.  He and others wanted responses in terms to strategies or how this bond issue is being handled.

Biju also talked about the “stabilization” period.  In essence, the college will get funded this year at our cap.  Thus, we need to hit a high enrollment of 1800 or get the “Bond” measure to pass.  There was a lot discussion on the expectations for seeing this bond pass.  More discussions will come back to address unanswered questions.
Dennese Edgerton spoke briefly on the issue of textbook concerns. Many of the students in the classroom did not have their books during the first week of school. The library does have a few books available, but the issue is that most students are showing up to class without a textbook. Counseling will be happy to help instructors in the classroom by addressing orientation processes. This should help address some of the expectations when attending college.

**Announcements:**
Dennese Lilly-Edgerton, there is a new internet site- [open group on face-book](#)…. A great idea to find a book that may be found for a particular class. It’s about connecting students who are not able to get a book for their class.

“Bridge” website was changed. A few concerns were brought up.

Program review committee will be meeting soon. We have templates that will be reviewed.

**Motion to Adjourn**
4: 30pm

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### Meeting Dates:

- **August 19**
- **September 9**
- **October 14**
- **November 18**
- **December 9**
- **January 20**
- **February 10**
- **March 10**
- **April 14**
- **May 12**