



Palo Verde College
ACADEMIC SENATE

2012-2013

Biju Raman- President

Brian Thiebaut-Vice President

Peter A. Martinez-Secretary

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 16, 2013

30 in Attendance: Greg Snider, Dennese Lilley Edgerton, David Silva, Biju Raman, Peter Martinez, Mike Rhoades, Robert Robertson, Richard Castillo, Derek Copple, Tencha Rivera, Irma Dagnino, Bruce Wallace, Joseph Boire, Henry Rinaldi, Scott Peterson, Victor Hernandez, Willie Smith, Kevin Eoff, Solomon Osayande, Sarah Frid, Lupita Andrade, TM Brown, June Turner, Maria Gamez, Lorenzo Lujano, Sandra Sher, Brian Thiebaut, Sharron Burgeson, Sioux Stoeckle, and Mike Gaubeca

- I. Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 3:00pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: The President recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Public Comment: Barbara Gaubeca, special announcement requesting assistance to complete her dissertation.
- IV. Approval of minutes: April 16, 2013
First: David Silva Second: Victor Hernandez
Call for the Question: Approval of minutes: Unanimous

Motion to approve the agenda:

First: Robert Robertson Second: Victor Hernandez

Call for the question: **Approved unanimously**

Nominees for Senate Office:

President: Biju Raman

Vice President: David Silva

Secretary: Peter Martinez

Call for the Question: By Acclamation

First: David Silva

Second: Victor Hernandez

Approved unanimously

Committee Assignments:

Academic standards require committee assignments be open to all faculty who wish to be considered.

Basic Skills Committee: Chair Biju Raman

Curriculum Committee: Hortensia Rivera

Equivalency Committee: Chair Robertson and Recorder of Record Dr. Mofu

Flex Committee: Greg Snider assigned as coordinator

Scholarship Committee: modification moved to have 5 people in the committee:

Moved to approve:

First: Richard Castillo

Second: Victor Hernandez

Call for the question: Approved unanimously

Scholarship Committee: Chair Carlos Medina

Accreditation Committee: Role over of same people

Articulation Committee: Hortensia and Irma

Budget Committee: Sharron Burgeson

Distance Committee: Sioux Stoeckle

Facilities Committee: ?

Enrollment Management Committee: Hortensia Rivera

Faculty and Diversity Committee: Bruce Wallace

Foundation Committee: Dennese Lilley Edgerton
IT Committee: Scott Peterson
Student Success Task Support Committee: Hortensia
Staff Development Committee: Dr. Alejandro Garcia
Security Task Force Committee: ?

Moved to approve the committee:

First: Brian Thieboux Second: Victor Hernandez

Approved unanimous

Announcement:

The Academic President announced the Academic Senate Calendar for 2013-2014 (see calendar). For dates and times see the changes. See changes for January's meeting.

Moved to approve **First: Dennese Lilley Edgerton Second: David Silva**

Approved unanimous

Accreditation Report:

Brian Thieboux, read an up-to-date status on our progress and what is expected upon our return for the next academic year. Brian covered the issue on diversity matters to be included in the report.

Moved to approve a resolution that covers the above discussion:

First: Robert Robertson Second: Hortensia Rivera

Approved unanimous

Strategic Planning Draft was presented to the senate body by the Senate President.

A motion to approve the "Strategic Planning Draft":

First: Brian Thieboux Second: Hortensia Rivera

Amending: Motion moved to reinsert language that covers as follow "Community needs...."

First: David Silva Second: Brian Thieboux

Approved unanimous

Original Motion moved from objective 2.2 to 1.5 with the amended language

First: David Silva Second: Victor Hernandez

Discussion: No discussion

Approved unanimous

Discussion item:

Proposed language on Civic Center policy was sent for review. Whether the college can rent the facility; liability, costs, etc. A motion to approve the language submitted to the senate for consideration and for vote.

Moved to approve: **First: Brian Thieboux Second: Richard Castillo**

Call for the Question: Yeas: 29 Nays: 0 abstain: 1

President's Report

Senate President addressed the Accreditation team and a basic sense was left with them with regards that the Academic Senate is pro institution, and we are in favor of creating a health working condition.

The Academic Senate is working closely with the college with the hiring of three faculty members. Brian also added that the Senate/faculty are providing leadership to getting Palo Verde College back on its path.

With regards to the Basic Skills Initiative, we have a new leadership person in place. Biju added that we have funding for at least another year, additional information will come later.

Equivalency Committee: Met and a final resolution will come to include approval of Robert Robertson to gain equivalency in the area of Philosophy.

Moved to approve Dr. Robert Robertson Equivalency:

First: Richard Castillo **Second:** Brian Thieboux

Call for the Question: **Yeas: 29** **Nays: 0** **abstain: 1**

Scholarship Committee: Mr. Medina reported that we gave \$1562.00 this year.

SLO Committee: Met and additional work is coming in the final days of the term. Additional work will be done on Flex Day and on Institute Day. Much of the work will be on the website.

Distance Learning: A discussion on summer classes was discussed. Also, offices will be closed at ISP for 2 weeks. Folks were reminded to turn in their syllabus two weeks early.

Enrollment Management: The team met in March 2013. Further discussion will come at a later time...

Foundation: A meeting is coming up soon.

Student Support Services: A lot of changes are coming soon.

Program Review: A lot of work has been done. A guide will also be made to help improve the process, as well as, make it easier for divisions to follow.

Title III: Funding is going away this September 2013.

Report Presentation:

Program Review Template was created for everyone to follow. There are new features developed and a (3) three year up-date will be done. Plus annual snapshots will help with this new process.

Superintendent/President

Denise Whittaker, spoke on the hiring of the new interim position and on the faculty hiring process. Ms. Whittaker also requested support from the senate to complete the process. She added that, we want to complete the hiring of an interim person (student support services and instruction) before the new President comes in. Ms. Whittaker added that, she feels skeptical about hiring the 3rd faculty person because of funding issues.

The senate body decided on recommending of having two recommended positions; two interim Deans.

Moved to approve recommendation of having **two positions be open:** Student Support and Instruction

First: Hortensia Rivera **Second: Richard Castillo**

Call for the Question: **Yeas: 6** **Nays: 17** **abstain: 3**

The Measure failed

The senate body decided and is recommending to the Board of Trustees that we hire one interim position for both areas (Student Support services and Instruction) on a 1 year period.

Amendment: This person should be able to handle both sides of the house. This is an interim position and the long term recommendation is hire two people.

First: Robert Robertson

Second: Hortensia Rivera

Call for the Question: Yeas: 29 Nays: 0 abstain: 1

Measure Passed: Carried

Original Statement; The senate body decided and is recommending to the Board of Trustees that we hire one interim position for both areas (Student Support services and Instruction) on a 1 year period.

First: Hortensia Rivera

Second: Derek Copple

Call for the Question: Yeas: 22 Nays: 2 abstain: 4

Motion passed: Carried

Motion to Adjourn

4: 25pm