



Palo Verde College
ACADEMIC SENATE

2014-2015

Biju Raman- President

David Silva -Vice President

Peter A. Martinez-Secretary

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Boire, Joe; Boire, Joe; Brown, The-Min; Cople, Derek; Sharron Burgeson; Castillo, Richard; Irma Dagnino; Alex Danson; Kevin Eoff, Maria, Gamez; Alejandro Garcia; Victor Hernandez; Lilley Edgerton Dennese; Lorenzo, Lujano, Maria, Lopez, Peter Martinez; Carlos Medina; Solomon, Osayande, Scott, Peterson; Biju, Raman; Karen, Redwine; Henry, Rinaldi; Hortensia Rivera; Sandra Sher; Paul, Shibalovich; David, Silva; Willie, Smith; Gregory Snider; Sioux, Stoeckle; Brian Thieboux; June Turner; Bruce Wallace;

Guest(s): Rorie Nelson, Financial Aid Office and Dr. Sean Hancock, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services

- I. Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 3:04pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: The President recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Public Comment:**

Dr. Sean Hancock provided an update on the ACCJC site visit that took place on April 13, 2015. Dr. Hancock stated, the outcome went very well, the responses from the visiting team was positive. The visiting team were impressed with the progress and the work that was done by everyone. A lot was accomplished and the site team wanted the senate to know how pleased they were with the entire college's work effort. The next action will be to wait on the July letter from the commission.

Rorie Nelson, spoke and demonstrated how to view and acquire the scholarship application that's available to all students on the college website. We were encouraged to share this information with as many students as possible, so we can have a good pool of applicants for consideration.

- V. Motion to adopt the Minutes: **March 10, 2015**
First: David Silva Second: Victor Hernandez
Approval of Agenda: Unanimously

- VI. Motion to adopt the Agenda: **Tuesday, April 14, 2015**
Amended Agenda: It includes dropping the equivalency policy matter and placing the Sign language program. Also, with respect to the "Challenge form" it will need additional time before the matter can be brought back to the senate floor for discussion. Thus, line item (1) one and (2) two are removed from the agenda.

Motion to Approve Agenda: Unanimously
First: David Silva Second: Victor Hernandez
Approval of Agenda: Unanimously

New Business:

A discussion with regards to moving the sign language program into the English division because it qualifies as a foreign language. Sign language is a credit course and serves as a transferable option for students.

Motion to move the Sign Language Program to Language Arts Division:
First: Richard Castillo Second: Dr. Robert Robertson

President's Report

Biju thanked his officers, including Derek Cople and his team for being part of the accreditation discussion panel. On other matters, David Silva made a comment with regards to the progress reports, he encouraged the group to complete the progress update forms and forward them to the appropriate channels.

Committee Reports:

BSI- Biju reported that we are going back to a compressed calendar for math 80 and math 82. The deadline for math 80 will be scheduled within the first nine weeks of school. The remaining nine weeks will be devoted to math 82.

Comment: Robert Robertson asked why do we have so many levels below college level course work? After a lengthy discussion, the goal is to reduce basic skills courses, by setting up a compressed calendar. This will help reduce basic level courses and help a number of these students go to college level courses in an accelerated pace.

Curriculum: We have TRC April 30 and the curriculum meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2015.

Equivalency- Additional work is planned and final touches are being made to the report.

Flex Day- Greg Snider is working on the next training day that is scheduled for fall 2015.

SLOs- we planning on scheduling some activities for our next flex day coming up in the fall 2015.

Articulation and Transfer- Congratulations went out to Sioux Stoeckle on the approval of her theatre classes.

Distance Ed. Learning- Dr. Robertson requested we standardize written reports for students to follow. It appears that students are having trouble understanding or following an MLA or APA formatting sequence. Dennese Lilley Edgerton stated that there is less assistance to help students with details, including in the handling of the day to day functions of getting work to and from the college. Please note the challenges that are involved.

Program Review- Working with completing reports and a guide was put together, so divisions can use as a tool for completing their reports.

Astronomy- May 9th there is a free event, astronomy day to see the stars...etc.

Cap and Gowns- purchases are being made, please respond to the emails sent by Irma Dagnino...

Motion to adjourn 4:05pm:

Meeting Dates:

~~August 19~~ ~~September 9~~ ~~October 14~~ ~~November 18~~ ~~December 9~~ ~~January 20~~
~~February 10~~ ~~March 3~~ ~~March 10~~ ~~April 14~~ ~~May 12~~