



Palo Verde College
ACADEMIC SENATE

2015-2016

Biju Raman- President

David Silva -Vice President

Peter A. Martinez-Secretary

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Joe, Boire, The-Min Brown, Derek Cople, Richard Castillo, Sarah Frid, Maria Gamez, Alejandro, Garcia, Michael Gaubeca, Victor Hernandez, Dennese Edgerton, Maria Lopez, Peter Martinez, Carlos, Medina, Scott Peterson, Biju Raman, Karen Redwine, Henry Rinaldi, Hortensia Rivera, Robert Robertson, Sandra Sher, Paul Shibalovich, Willie Smith, Greg Snider, Sioux Stoeckle, Brian Thieboux, June, Turner, Bruce Wallace

Guest(s): Dr. Sean Hancock Vic President Instruction & Student Services; Jaclyn Randall, Student Success Manager

Absent: Cheryl Bruno; Irma Dagnino; Kevin Eoff; Lorenzo Lujano, Solomon Osayande; David Silva; Juliette Singler;

- 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:** No reports.

- IV. Motion to adopt the Minutes:

First: Dennese Edgerton

Second: Victor Hernandez

Approval of Agenda: Unanimously

- V. Motion to adopt the Agenda:

Motion to Approve Agenda: Unanimously

First: Robert Robertson

Second: Hortensia Rivera

Revised Changes: #9 Instruction Technology does not exist, so it's taken out from the agenda

Approval of Agenda: Unanimously

Officers Report:

President- Biju welcomed the group back to a new term/year. The senate body were reminded that the "No show" list will shortly be due. Also, Biju spoke on the integrity of the Academic Senate. The focus is on a mutual agreement on all but not limited to the following: *professional and academic matters, curriculum, grading policies, program review, resources needed for the program, educational development, student preparation and success, BSI funding, accreditation matters, reporting processes, professional development, institutional planning and budgeting, and SLO matters*. In essence, your input is essential to the success of the college. We were all reminded how important, we take an active part by participating in this process.

Committee Reporting:

Academic Standards – The senate meets to complete the goals and objects of the body.

BSI- Both Carlos Medina and Sandra Sher attended the Basic Skills Initiative over the summer. Both members were appreciated for their participation to the conference.

BSI is looking at various types of models to make interventions to improve our population's basic skills. The basic question to answer is "*How and what can an intervention models do for us?*" Both Biju and June Turner are working on this project together. More information will be provided in future meetings.

Curriculum- Meeting is scheduled for October 8th, 2015. The TRC will meet September 24, 2015.

Equivalency- No submissions have been made. Dr. Robertson noted and offered to provide the senate body additional information on meeting “Equivalency”. In essence, Dr. Robertson quickly noted how *equivalency* for one course alone does not qualify the requirement. Equivalency much like minimum qualifications means you’re qualified to teach in a particular field.

Flex day- Greg Snider was recognized for a putting together a nice event.

Scholarship Committee- A request was made to add additional information to the existing application. It’s incomplete, additional information can benefit applicants when submitting their application for consideration. The committee will consider the feedback it was provided with.

SLO Committee- The group has not met. However, Sarah Frid did point out that all the SLO information needs to be completed and submitted to your department chairs.

Distance Learning- We added 5 new learning institutions. Also, many students at CVSP have been dropped because these are special population being transferred to these new areas. These new areas may in fact not be new added populations to the college, but rather the handling of transfers to these new sites.

SSSP- The group met recently to work on the equity plan. More information will come as progress is made.

Faculty and Staff Diversity- Dr. Wallace is assigned to this new duty.

Foundation- A part-time position is being considered. Primary job duty is to bring grants and donations. The expectation is bring 4:1 funding. More information will come as the college makes progress in the development of this position.

Program Review- Program reviews are still being reviewed. A new template is also out for viewing on the website. For those doing program review this year, you’re welcome to use the most updated version of the template.

Staff Development- Dr. Garcia made a point that no one has put in a request.

New Business:

Faculty & Prioritization List for Hire- This line item was tabled to the next meeting, until more information is collected.

Motion to table the item: First: Paul Shibalovich Second: Hortensia Rivera

Motion Approved: Unanimously

Accreditation Update- Biju attended three conferences since our last accreditation visit. In all three conference areas, Palo Verde College was recognized for the outstanding job it has made in improving its status level. On a different note, March 15th, 2016 will be the next reporting period. Biju showed a slide power-point on a number of campuses still on **probation or warning** status.

Grading- CDC yard closing over the summer has caused various kinds of issues with meeting submission deadlines. As a consequence, some members believe it’s causing concerns with how we are prioritizing and meeting our deadlines. By a show of hands, an ad-hoc committee was formed after passing a head count to go forward with determining if in fact “*there is an issue on campus*” with the closure of CDC yards.

Committee participants formed are as follow: Karen Redwine, Sandra Sher, Victor Hernandez, Paul Shibalovich, Brian Thieboux

Equivalency Policy: Changes were recently added. It’s really easy, it clarifies three basic items; (1) amount of academic work complete, (2) shows educational experience or credentials in a related field to qualify you for equivalency, and (3) showed immense in the field.

Motion to approve the equivalency procedure as presented to college council than to Board Trustee
FIRST READING

Moved Amend: Having a first and second reading only.

Discussion: Brian Thieboux does not agree we should delay the process. Henry Rinaldi does not think we should delay on delaying this process as well.

First: Dennese Edgerton

Second: Paul Shibalovich

Motion Carried/failed: AYE 21 NO 1 ABSTAIN 1

Motion Carried/Approved

Announcements:

Global connection was made during the earlier years of the prior administration. A young man from the Afghan war was an interpreter for us, thus, he was granted a visa for his aid and support to our American soldiers. In short, this young man will be on campus in the days ahead for Q & A. Please join us to this upcoming forum, scheduled for September 22, 2015.

Adjourn 3:58pm

Meeting Dates 2015-2016

~~September 8, 2015~~

February 9th, 2016

October 13, 2015

March 8th, 2016

November 10, 2015

April 12th, 2016

December 8, 2015

May 10th, 2016