



Palo Verde College  
**ACADEMIC SENATE**

**2015-2016**

**Biju Raman- President**

**David Silva -Vice President**

**Peter A. Martinez-Secretary**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

*Attendance: Boire, Joe; Brown, The-Min; Castillo, Richard; Irma Dagnino; Sarah, Frid; Maria, Gamez; Garcia, Alejandro; Gaubeca, Michael; Lilley Edgerton, Dennese; Lopez, Maria; Lozoya, Cesar; Martinez, Peter; Medina, Carlos; Peterson, Scott; Raman, Biju; Redwine, Karen; Rinaldi, Joseph; Rivera, Hortensia; Robertson, Robert; Sher, Sandra; Paul, Shibalovich; Silva, David; Smith, Willie; Snider, Gregory; Stoeckle, Sioux*

**Absent members: Bruno-Mofu, Cheryl; Cople, Derek; Eoff, Kevin; Lorenzo, Lujano; Solomon, Osayande; Victor Hernandez; Juliette Singler;**

*Guest(s) N/A*

- 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:**
- IV. Motion to adopt the Minutes: **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**First: Dennese Edgerton Second: Sioux Stoeckle**  
**Approval of Minutes: Unanimously**

**Motion to Approve Agenda: Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

**Addendum: tabling the SLO resolution because we are in negotiations at the moment.**

**First: Robert Robertson Second: Carlos Medina**

**Approval of Agenda: Unanimously**

**Addendum: Approval on certain equivalencies be granted.**

**First: Michael Gaubeca Second: Robert Robertson**

**Approval of Addendum: Unanimously**

**Old Business**

We separated six academic divisions equally among Biju, David, and Peter. In short two divisions per officer. The assignment was to meet with the divisions and figure out whether there is a need for a reclassification. Each of the senate officers were charged with reaching out to division chairs and the departments (as assigned) and get back to the full senate for a full discussion and update on those findings. The outcome from each member was as follow:

*Biju- handled the Math, Communications, and Science Division- There is no need for any reclassification at the moment.*

*David- handled the History, Social & Behavior Sciences and Vocational Education Divisions- Scott Peterson spoke and restated his position again. In essence, we should create a "non-credit" division for the subject areas that were recently placed under his division.*

*Peter handled Business and Allied Health Division- In essence, there is no need for reclassification. More collection of information is needed before a final decision is made.*

A motion was made to create a new division titled “*Non Credit*” (that includes NBE and ABE) that will oversee these new courses, so we can have integrity and course outlines, as well as updating SLOs.

**Addendum: we add the term “recommend” a new division, as stated above opposed using the term “create.” The senate cannot create, it could only recommend to admin.**

Discussion: Brian Thiebaut proposed we divide up the non-credit courses and place them among the existing divisions. Scott Peterson, pointed out that non-credit courses do not lead to a degree nor to a program. In essence, program review will be an issue among the non-credit courses. Therefore, there is a value to creating a new division for the college.

**Motion was made to approve the addendum, the senate is “Recommending”**

**First: Scott Peterson                      Second: Hortensia Rivera**  
**Motion passed: Yay: 26                      Nay: 1                      Abstain: 2**

**Main resolution all together as stated above was requested for approval:**

**Motion was made by First: Scott Peterson                      Second: Hortensia Rivera**  
**Motion passed: Yay: 12                      Nay: 5                      Abstain: 7**

### **New Business**

Biju addressed OER or the “*Open Educational Resources*” it’s a resource service that allows faculty to adopt a textbook or resources essentially bringing a savings to students all together.

#### ***First Read:***

A motion was made to introduce this new service to faculty and have an open dialog over a potential opportunity to bring high quality service to our student population.

**Motion made by                      First: Scott Peterson                      Second: Paul Shibalovich**

Discussion: There is a onetime \$50,000 funding available to adopt this resource. The funding is a one year plan. If approved for funding, we will be required to submit a detailed “plan of action.” A nice token of this service is that students can download the textbook through this service. The funding can be used to cover the down-loads should students need a physical copy.

**Motion was approved for 1<sup>st</sup> Read: Unanimously**

**Motion passed: Yay: 22                      Nay: 2                      Abstain: 3**

### **Officers Report:**

The board is considering the hiring of a “Dean of Instruction and Student Services.” In essence, the board is not accepting the academic senate’s position, where the senate all together voted it down.

BSI- We recently submitted for a grant and unfortunately we were not approved.

Biju also announced that he will attend the spring plenary session at the end of the semester. If anyone has questions or concerns, please let him know with regards to any state senate matters.

David Silva-stated that the counseling office will be in training for the week. This was an informational item.

Bridge vs. Canvas- Training for the new “Canvas” system will be begin in the months ahead. Just so everyone knows the Bridge program will be shut down at the end of the semester. The new system will initiate this summer.

Curriculum- There is a meeting scheduled on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Equivalency- Robert Robertson announced the approved candidates only:

David. D – Applied for adjunct instruction in management. His credentials/academics can be sited with the equivalency committee.

**Motion to approve David. D    First: Robert Robertson                      Second: Dennese Edgerton**

Discussion: Brian Thiebaut argued over the handling and approval process. The division was concerned with the business subject area and how this will play out if this person gets approved for one area and not the other.

**Motion was sent back to equivalency for further review because of a draw/tie:**

**Yay: 10      Nay: 10      Abstain: 4**

Victoria. H- Her credentials can be sited with the equivalency committee.

**Motion to approve David. D    First: Robert Robertson    Second: Karen Redwine**

**Motion was approved: Yay: 19      Nay: 0      Abstain: 3**

Dr. Robertson also spoke on two other candidates, but there was insufficient information to make a determination. The equivalency committee does not and will not state the names of individuals denied.

Scholarships- We have a deadline of April 15 to submit applications.

**Adjourn 4:17pm**

***Meeting Dates 2015-2016***

***September 8*** ————— ***October 13<sup>th</sup>*** —

***February 9<sup>th</sup>*** -

***March 8<sup>th</sup>***

***November 10<sup>th</sup>***

***April 12<sup>th</sup>*** ,

***December 8<sup>th</sup>***

***May 10<sup>th</sup>***