



Palo Verde College

Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Minutes pending approval

- I. **Meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. in room CL 108**
 - A. No flag salute.
 - B. Approval of Minutes by Greg Nall with changes to section III motion seconded by Kevin Eoff and the members present.
 - C. Approval of agenda by Kevin Eoff and seconded by Brian Thieboux and members present.

- II. **HEARING OF CITIZENS-**
 - A. Rick Babb and Vicky Attaway- Reported to the Academic Senate of the changes that will be taking place at Ironwood State Prison and Chuckawalla Valley State Prison Programs. They informed the members present that the prison program has increased from 53 participants, from six years ago, to over 500 students, which are expected this year. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has allocated 2.5 million dollars for textbooks for full time incarcerated inmates who participate in the Education Program- this includes the current EOPS student population. This will provide textbooks expenses for the participants for one to two years. It is expected to have an increase of the student population starting this summer session with 140 to 150 students and the remaining 350 students by the fall session. The addition of 500 students will mean an increase, for two years, of staff at Palo Verde College. During this period, CDCR will provide 15 million dollars to upgrade and modernize the equipment at the prisons for the education program. The reason for CDCR to fully support the inmate program is due to the fact of the impact that the program has had in the recidivism rate. It has been reported that the typical inmate had an 80% of recidivism, while those participants who had gone through the educational program had a recidivism rate of 22%... this meaning that the population registered in our educational program were less involved in incidents.

- III. **Committee Reports-Tabled**

IV. **Old Business-**

1. Report 2nd Review/Reading- (Action Items)

- a. Academic Freedom- Faculty (2nd reading) approved by Brian Thieboux and seconded by Robert Robertson.
- b. Academic Freedom- Students (2nd reading) approved by Brian Thieboux and seconded by Robert Robertson.
- c. Development and Implementation of Student Learning Outcomes (2nd reading) approved by Robert Robertson, motion seconded by Joe Jondreau
- d. Reaffirm Curriculum Process (2nd reading) Robert Robertson requested the document to be edited, motioned seconded by Bill Ponder.

2. Approve Revised English Instructor Job Description- Revised. (Action Item) Action approved by Robert Robertson

3. Censure/ Professional Conduct of Faculty- Follow up/Review-
Robert Robertson indicated that the policy to be implemented was first read. Greg Nall expressed his concern about the process of filing a complaint against another faculty member without being a grievance. Greg Nall disapproved of the equivalency process.

V. **New Business-**

- A. **Informative Item:** Review of board policies by Peter Martinez. He also announced that there was binder on the table at the entrance for review and presented a handout on chapter 7.
- B. **Informative Item:** Louise Gallan moved to combine Academic Senate and CTA review of policy since it addresses recruitment, etc. Robert Robertson seconded the motion.
- C. **Informative Item:** Hortencia de Leon discussed GE Breath Requirement handout- CSU Articulation Agreement.
- D. **Informative Item:** Rick Babb addressed Student enrollment for fall 2007 at Ironwood State Prison. He also discussed ISP& CVSP clearance form.
- E. **Action Item- Tabled until April 17th :** Reading 84 and 86 English Division.
- F. **Informative Item – Tabled until April 17th:** Career Connection 2007

Tabled Items for next meeting: Minimum Competencies- English and Math-preparation for “Good Practices”.

VI Meeting Adjourn at 4:17- Motion to adjourn by Paul Shibalovich and seconded by Kevin Eoff and members present.

VII Members Present:

Peter Martinez, Alejandro Garcia, Biju Raman, Barbara Gaubeca, Carlos Medina, Greg Nall, Mike Gaubecca, Sioux Stoeckle, Earl Turner, Brian Thieboux, June Turner, Sandra Sher, Leticia Guilin, Louise Gallan, Teh Min Brown, Joe Jondreau, Chris Jones-Cage, Bruce Wallace, Bill Ponder, Robert Robertson, Dennesse Lilley-Edgerton, Kevin Eoff, David Silva, Hortencia "Tencha" Rivera, Phillip Clinton, Solomon Osayande, Paul Shibalovich.

VIII. Meeting Dates:

April 17th, May 22, May 29th 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victor Hernandez
Academic Senate Secretary