



Palo Verde College

Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Minutes approved: Tuesday, October 16, 2007

I. Meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. in room CL 101

- A. No flag salute.
- B. Approval of Minutes- Robert Robertson move to approve with further changes on the Minutes- Committee Assignments and Appointments for 2007-2008 academic year. Brian Thieboux seconded the motion and the members present.
- C. Approval of Agenda – Robert Robertson moved to approve; Brian Thieboux seconded the motion as well as the members present.

II. HEARING OF CITIZENS-

- A. Peter Martinez- Academic Senate President notified the members present that Palo Verde College staff members; Teaching and Non- teaching Faculty will attend the Basic Skills Initiative Workshop at College of the Desert. Louis Gallan will provide a detailed report of the outcomes of the meeting. He reminded the members present interested in attending the trip to make the appropriate travel arrangements, if driving in the van, with Corina Richards, Secretary to the Vice-President of Instruction. She will also provide the agenda and will take care of the Absence from Campus. Peter Martinez will not attend the Basic Initiative Workshop since he will be at an EOPS Meeting in San Diego. Sioux Stoeckle and Victor Hernandez will be representing Academic Senate.
- B. Robert Robertson indicated the low enrollment rates in the courses offered this semester. He added that he feels that his role is not only to teach his course, but also to recruit his own students. Louise Gallan stated that this item needs to be included into the next meeting agenda under “New Business” as Post-Mortem action under matriculation issues. Robert Robertson moved to approve item. Bill Ponder seconded the motion.

III. Committee Reports.

- A. **Scholarship Committee-** Sioux Stoeckle reminded everyone present at the meeting that there is a Scholarship Committee meeting this coming Tuesday in room 318 at 3:00. She indicated where they will discuss ways in increasing the funds for scholarships. Peter Martinez suggested on creating a Gift Basquet and raffling it at the beginning of every Academic Senate Meeting. Bruce Wallace interjected that through the HR department, a percentage of our paycheck can be deducted. He added that he had initiated this initiative, in which faculty can donate, deducted from the check, either \$10.00 or \$5.00 dollars. Sioux Stoeckle interjected that there were forms for deductions at the entrance of the auditorium. Brian Thieboux agreed with the fact of faculty to contribute \$10.00 dollars. per month out of our pay check and that it will be tax deductive. Sioux Stockle indicated that she has the proper forms. Louise Gallan moves to make a series of activities to raise money: 1. Direct Deposit, 2. On November to a 25/75 or 50/50 drawing. Mr. Martinez introduced the idea of auctioning a teacher... students had the opportunity to purchase the teacher for a couple of hours... no support from members present.

- B. **Staff Development Committee**- Mr. Garcia informed the members present that he was going to be meeting with Jerry Butler on September 18th were they were going to be discussing if, and how much revenue was going to be allotted to the committee for staff development.
- C. **Equivalencies Committee**- Cheryl Mofu has not been able to meet with Willie Smith. Cheryl Mofu has replaced Sioux Stoeckle in a non-existing position. Brian Thieboux indicated that Board Policy needs to be reviewed. On this behalf Peter Martinez stated that he was going to meet with Cheryl on Monday after 6:00 pm to discuss compliance issues.

IV. **Old Business-**

- A. **Minimum Competencies English and Math 2009- Preparation for Good Practices-** Louise Gallan heads the development of workshops in creating “Healthy Learning Environment” for all the students at Palo Verde College. Peter Martinez interjected, as support to Louise’s goals, the Goals for Palo Verde College for the Academic Year 2007-2008, items extracted from the Academic Senate Math/English Implementation Proposal. Robert Robertson motioned to place a 5th goal in the proposed goals, “Not to limit the workshops not only to Math and English but to integrate them to all the Pre-requisites in our curriculum.” Peter Martinez indicated that the Goals were proposals which eventually will move to become resolutions. Paul Shibalovich shared that, “this past semester we had a number of workshops, Math Anxiety, and only three students showed up.
- B. **Progress Reports Modified “As of Date” for Signature-** (Information Item) Peter Martinez indicated that as it has been done in the past, that Progress Reports would soon be distributed for teachers to report the EOPS program of the status of EOPS Students enrolled in their classes. Louise Gallan moved to add the phrase, “As of Date” after teacher’s signature. Brian Thieboux motions to have “As of Date” included in the Progress Report; Robert Robertson seconded the motion as well as the members present.

V. **New Business-**

- A. **Program Review Scheduling** (Action Item) Robert Robertone amended the Program Review to include all the Categorical Programs such as: DSP&S, EOPS, CARE, MATRICULATION, CALWORK’s and the VOC. ED Programs. He interjected that he wanted to be part of the Program Review. Brian Thieboux notified him that he was going to look into it. Denesse Lilley-Edgerton seconded the motion and members present. **Motioned approved.**
- B. **Accreditation Self-Study Response Report-** Brian Thieboux requested anyone for ideas or thoughts to provide them to him, better yet, to annex them to the proposals and leave them to be reviewed by the Accreditation Team. October 3rd, Institute Day, will be devoted to develop/complete the Self-Study report.

VI. **Tabled Items-** None

VII. **Meeting Adjourn at 4:05-** Motion to adjourn by Robert Robertson and seconded by Bill Wallace and members present.

VIII. Peter Martinez asked the members present to provide a “Minute of Silence” as a form of commemoration for the tragic event of the September 11th event.

VI Members Present:

Peter Martinez, Sioux Stoeckle, Alejandro Garcia, Biju Raman, Barbara Gaubeca, Brian Thieboux, Carlos Medina, Greg Nall, Reva Gilmore, Mike Gaubeca, Sioux

Stoeckle, Earl Turner, Brian Thieboux, June Turner, Sandra Sher, Leticia Guilin, Louise Gallan, Teh Min Brown, Bruce Wallace, Cheryl Bruno-Mofu, Irma Dagnino, Hortencia Rivera, Bill Ponder, Phil Clinton, Solomon Osayande, Richard Castillo, Steve LaVigne, Robert Robertson, Paul Shilbalovich, Dennesse Lilley- Edgerton, Kevin Eoff, Doretha Jones, Victor Hernandez.

Respectfully Submitted,

Victor Hernandez
Academic Senate Secretary

Approved on: _____

cc. AS President- Peter Martinez
cc. Vice – President- Sioux Stoeckle