



Palo Verde College

Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Minutes pending approval

- I. Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. in room CL 101**
- A. Academic Senate Members requested, on future Academic Senate Minutes, to omit the names of the members who abstain to vote.
 - B. Under Committee Reports- “Foundation Faculty Representative”- Let it be changed that it was Dennese Lilley-Edgerton who reported and not Sioux Stoeckle.
 - C. Brian Thieboux requested item “G” Enterprise Resource Planning Committee, to be deleted from the committee list since it NO LONGER EXIST.
 - D. Peter Martinez, Academic Senate President, thanked all the members present for endorsing him as a Faculty Nominee.
 - E. No flag salute.
 - F. Approval of Minutes- Solomon Osayande moved to approve; Mike Gaubeca seconded the motion as well as the members present.
 - G. Approval of Agenda – Robert Robertson moved to approve; Earl Turner seconded the motion as well as the members present.
- II. HEARING OF CITIZENS-**
- A. **Special Guest Speaker: William Smith- Vice-President of Instructional Services-** Notified the members present that Biju Raman was not going to be on campus for the next couple of weeks due to a family loss. He provided a detailed report on the activities that Instructional Services Department is working on: 1. Accreditation- with the assistance of Brian Thieboux. 2. Updating the Catalog- in order for it to be in compliance with Title V and to be in accordance with the recommendation of the Accreditation Team. 3. New A.A. Degrees with its emphasis to in compliance with Title V. 4. Veteran Services, 5. Grading Appeal Policy, 6. Remedial Course work, 7. SLO’s, and 8. Course Schedule for Spring 09 semester.
 - B. **Claudia Sandoval-** ASB Secretary- Requested assistance from Academic Senate Members. ASB needs to raise funds for a Leadership Conference they want to attend in San Diego. They want all the Academic Senate members to cooperate with the Halloween Lockdown. ASB member will appreciate if we can support them and help them raise the money needed by arresting a person. The earnings obtained at the Halloween Lockdown will be used to cover the cost of the conference.

Committee Reports-

- C. **Budget Committee-** Earl Turner reported that the money in the committee is from the summer and that no budget has been received for this semester. Brian Thieboux recommended everyone no to go beyond the established budget... this due to the fact of the tight economical situation we are going through.

III. **Old Business-**

- A. **Pledge of Allegiance (Action Item)-** Louise Gallan indicated that in the past, Bruce Wallace's term as Academic Senate President, a resolution was passed pertaining to the Pledge of Allegiance. Bruce Wallace informed the members present that it was in place... but through time it was put aside. Dennese Lilley-Edgerton motioned to reinstate the original resolution. Brian Thieboux seconded the motion. Louise Gallan indicated that we should do the Pledge of Allegiance only if a flag is present. Item was taken to a vote... to reinstate the OLD RESOLUTION OF RESITING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE...ONLY IF A FLAG IS PRESENT. Vote result is as follows: 21 in favor, 6 opposed, 3 abstains. Pledge of Allegiance resolution unanimously passes with the approval of members present.
- B. **Resolution 08-09-01-** "Honorary Associates of Science Degree (Action Item)- Item was discussed with the Registrar and it was found that there is no Board Policy dealing with Posthumous degrees. Item is to be taken to the Board for the implementation of a policy. At Academic Senate meeting it was also brought to light to modify the resolution since it was found that the student was short one semester instead of a class, just like the original resolution read "ONE COURSE AWAY". Dennese Lilley-Edgerton motioned and Sioux Stoeckle seconded the motion. Item was taken to Vote. Result was as follows: 27 in favor, 2 abstained. Resolution unanimously passes with the approval of members present.

IV. **New Business-** N/A

- A. **Student Success stories- Statewide Support- (Information Item)-** Peter Martinez was looking onto providing information to seek how we can get a statue for the Academic Senate as part of the success stories being supported across the state. He wants the college to initiate a portfolio of Palo Verde College students who have been successful.
- B. **Curriculum Report- (Action item)-** Brian Thieboux indicated that it was a Done Deal.
- C. **Class size, Late Enrollment and Writing across the Curriculum (Information item)-** Within Distance Ed there were many discrepancies... many teachers have complained that students were changed from one section to another and therefore coming late into the semester. The registrar, upon having the sections filled, would change

students from one section to another one without notifying teachers nor students. Students, upon having received the syllabus for a section, were working out of the wrong syllabus but came to realize that they were not in that particular section half ways into the semester. Richard Castillo indicated that this was an item to be solved between Distance Ed., Vice-President of Instruction, and Registrar. Robert Robertson requested for this item to be brought to our next meeting for further discussion.

D. **Resolution 08-090-2 “Honorary Associates of Science Degree” 1st reading: Melanie Johnson: Carrie Choquette.**- Same procedure than **Resolution 08-09-01-** “Honorary Associates of Science Degree.” Kevin Eoff moved for resolution to follow the same steps as Resolution 08-09-1, Dennese Lilley-Edgerton seconded the motion and members present.

E. **Accreditation- (Information item)**- Brian Thieboux invited everyone to the Board Meeting where item was going to be discussed in full details. He also informed the members present that the Accreditation Report is on or Website.

F. **Progress Update- (Information item)**- Peter Martinez informed the members present of the importance of this tool, and the way it is used by counselors in the counseling process. He indicated that it is here where students are notified of their status in class and where interventions occur.

V. **Tabled Items**- None

VI. **Meeting Adjourn at 4:30**- Meeting adjourn by members present.

VII. **Members Present:**

Peter Martinez, Sioux Stoeckle, Barbara Gaubecca, Kevin Eoff, Greg Nall, Alejandro Garcia, Hortensia Rivera, Brian Thieboux, Carlos Medina, Mike Gaubecca, Sandra Sher, Leticia Guilin, Teh Min Brown, Dennese Lilley-Edgerton, Bill Ponder, Phil Clinton, Solomon Osayande, Richard Castillo, Robert Robertson, Joe Boire, Henry Rinaldi, Louise Gallan, June Turner, Mike Rhoades, Scott Peterson, Earl Turner, Derek Copple, Mickey Copple, Sharron Burgeson, Jason Bram, Lorenzo Lujano, Bruce Wallace, Paul Shibalovich, , Victor Hernandez.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc. AS President- Peter Martinez
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