



Palo Verde College
ACADEMIC SENATE

2013-2014

Biju Raman- President

David Silva -Vice President

Peter A. Martinez-Secretary

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

34 in Attendance: Joe Boire, Teh-Min Brown; Sharron Burgeson; Richard Castillo; Kevin Eoff; Maria Gamez; Alejandro Garcia; Michael Gaubeca; Peter Martinez; Carlos Medina; Solomon Osayande; Scott Peterson; Biju Raman; Karen Redwine; Michael Rhoades; Henry Rinbaldi; Machi Rivera; Robert Robertson; Sandra Sher; Paul Shibalovich; David Silva; Willie Smith; Gregory Snider; Sioux Stoeckle; Brian Thieboux; June Turner; Bruce Wallace; John Tribelhorn; Dereck Copple; Sarah Frid, Dennese Edgerton; Lorenzo Lujano; Scott Peterson; Victor Hernandez
Guest: Vice President Sheri Jones and President/Superintendent Dr. Donald Wallace

I. Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 3:03pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance: The President recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Public Comment: President/Superintendent Don Wallace

Talked about the progress on the accreditation report and the site visit coming up soon. Planning will also include several groups to get where we need to get. Dr. Wallace talked briefly on the goals and exploration. We were hoping on ESL Program to plan out.

On other matters, Dr. Wallace is looking at the solar panel project. The second point was on the EDD relocation, it has "pros and cons." Ideas are welcomed from everyone. The President/Superintendent stated we are short on FTES (couple hundred) thus, we will be short \$900,000 this year. He also touched on the refinancing the loan in 2016. The current goal was focusing on the local bond; passing the bond will bring great benefits to support our current budget.

V. Motion to adopt the Minutes **December 2013**

First: David Silva Second: Dennese Lilley Edgerton

Correction: on the name for equivalency the correct name is Mike Loventhal

Correction: Changes in the minutes from Russi Egan public announcement addressed FTES 125, the correct number of students we are below FTES #185.

Approval of Minutes with changes made above from December Senate meeting:

Unanimous

VI. Motion to adopt the Agenda, along with the addendum: **January 14, 2014**

First: Hortensia Rivera Second: Victor Hernandez

Approval of Agenda:

Unanimous

Equivalency Report:

Final Reading (2nd Reading)

Robert Robertson covered the final touches on the equivalency process. There are no exceptions of having a representative from the discipline when a decision is being made. Equivalency is certification that they have equivalency for a certain area. Robert Robertson is asking leverage to get someone there on time to avoid delays in the process.

Motion to approve the Equivalency Process as amended:

Addendum: Equivalency process to include a subject matter expert be present when approving equivalency or decision being made.

Motion: First: Brian Thieboux Second: Robert Robertson

Motion Approved: Unanimous

Officers Report

Biju Raman reported that the status on the VP for Student Services and Instruction will be re-advertised very soon. A new process will be followed in terms to securing minimum qualifications are met.

With regards to the 50% law, we have gained two new instructors to balance the numbers in our favors. With regards to a recent grant approval; Palo Verde College will be hosting the retraining services that gives the college leverage to bring future students to the college.

We have 35 approximate instructors, Biju was suggesting that if, and if instructors brought one new student to the college our college could improve FTES issue. Senate members expressed their opinion favorably and opposed the notion. Everyone agreed that the FTES numbers are low, but admin--are looking continually on *how* and *where* we are. Our FTES are at approx. 1278. Part of our problem is with the “*accuplacer*”, students are not being able to get beyond that. Nevertheless, the registration process is going forward.

Committee Reports

BSI the calendar has been posted. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Curriculum:

A meeting is scheduled on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

MOOC's

Massive Openings Online Course—John Tribelhorn has been facilitating as it relates to basic skills. John signed up for a class. He stated that he learned a lot from it. MOOC's are experiments, but do not operate as a classroom setting. It's good to look at, if you wish to join a class is coming up soon. Any questions, contact John.

SB 1440

All the submissions Irma Dagnino made were sent in successfully. An update will be made once contact is made with the Chancellors office.

Distance Learning:

The distance learning office is working with “B” yard at ISP. We are asking latitude to get things going smoothly.

Foundation:

Meeting is scheduled for January 15th, 2014.

Scholarships

Friendly reminder we need your support

Student Learning Outcomes:

We're in a good shape. We have a few weak areas. Actual plans are still pending. We need to complete them shortly. Also, SLOs are missing in a few classes. Brian will be contacting a few instructors for their support.

Matriculation

A name change to Student Success has followed through.

Program Review

Program review are due in January; divisions due are as follow: Library, Nursing, and Student Services

Open Forum:

Performance will be offered if anyone is need of having background music for meeting, or events.

Golf class is being offered.

Tencha introduced her new advisor for DSPS.

Motion to Adjourn

4: 30pm