



Palo Verde College
ACADEMIC SENATE

2015-2016

Biju Raman- President

David Silva -Vice President

Peter A. Martinez-Secretary

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Attendance: Boire, Joe; Brown, The-Min; Bruno-Mofu, Cheryl; Cople, Derek; Castillo, Richard; Dagnino, Irma; Frid, Sarah; Gamez, Maria; Garcia, Alejandro; Gaubeca, Michael; Hernandez, Victor; Lilley Edgerton, Dennese; Lujano, Lorenzo; Lopez, Maria; Martinez, Peter; Medina, Carlos; Ramon, Biju; Redwine, Karen; Rinaldi, Henry; Rivera, Hortensia; Robertson, Robert; Sher, Sandra; Shibalovich, Paul; Silva, David; Singler, Juliette, Smith, Willie; Snider, Greg; Stoeckle, Sioux; Thieboux, Brian; Turner, June; Wallace, Bruce;

Absent members: Osayande, Solomon; Peterson, Scott; Lozoya, Cesar;

Guest: Sean Hancock Vice President of Instruction & Student Services

- I. Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 3:04pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: The President recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Public Comment:** No reports.

- IV. Motion to adopt the Minutes for **October 13, 2015**
First: David Silva **Second: Sarah Frid**
Approval of Minutes: Unanimously

- V. Motion to adopt the Agenda **November 10, 2015**
Motion to Approve Agenda: Unanimously
First: Dennese Edgerton **Second: Hortensia Rivera**
Approval of Agenda: Unanimously

Reports:

Biju informed the senate body that the district will forward some of the changes made on equivalency. We don't know the exact details, but we will have more information before our next meeting.

Faculty prioritization list for hire, this process was to begin in August. At the moment, the district did state that we have funding to hire one additional teaching faculty person. So we will prioritize the list in order:

1.) **Math & Science Division**

Astronomy just completed the 2nd round of program review. The outcome of that review was determined that another faculty member is needed for both math and astronomy. Looking at the data over the years, growth has steadily gone up for both of these areas.

Responses: the question was asked, does an applicant need to meet equivalency or minimum qualifications?

Biju reviewed minimum qualifications and provided a response on the matter.

2.) **Biology-** Data shows that there is a need for another faculty person. The data shows a steady increase of enrollments.

Motion was made identifying a real need for prioritization an instructor that encompasses both areas in Astronomy and Math.

Motion made by: First: David Silva Second: Victor Hernandez

Discussion: Dr. Garcia pointed out that a Geology and Geography instruction would be more appropriate for hiring opposed to finding someone in his area. The reasoning is that these two areas in geology and geography have not been offered steadily over the years. After a lengthy discussion, a call for the question was made.

Aye 20 *Nay:* 8 *Abstained:* 2

Motion passed to prioritize for a math and astronomy instructor

Motion was made to prioritize for a biology instructor:

Motion made by: First: Sioux Stoeckle Second: Juliette Singler

Aye 27 *Nay:* 0 *Abstained:* 4

Motion passed to prioritize for a biology instructor

The next subject area discussed was ADS. Based on the data presented, it appeared that there is a need for an ADS instructor as well.

Motion was made to prioritize for an ADS instructor:

Motion made by: First: Irma Dagnino Second: Victor Hernandez

Aye 31 *Nay:* 0 *Abstained:* 0

Motion passed to prioritize for an ADS instructor

The next subject area discussed was sociology. Based on the data presented, it appeared that this area is also deficient. Thus, a need for an instructor was requested.

Motion was made to prioritize for a sociology instructor:

Motion made by: First: Karen Redwine Second: David Silva

Aye 8 *Nay:* 17 *Abstained:* 3

Motion failed to prioritize for a sociology instructor.

Biju requested a motion for a building construction and technology instructor. At the moment, we have a full time temporary position that is filled. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was not supported for a BCT instructor.

CIS data was reviewed and the outcome did show a steady increase of enrollments. After a lengthy discussion, math and science courses appeared to be more supportive than seeking to hire another computer information systems instructor.

Data for GES 115 was reviewed, but no support to augment for a full time instructor.

Biju asked the senate body to prioritize the list in order, so this list can be presented to administration.

Motion was made to prioritize in order the three approved areas above:

Motion made by: First: David Silva Second: Irma Dagnino

ADS was placed 1st on the priority list:

Aye 19 Nay: 5 Abstained: 1

Motion was made to prioritize Math & Astronomy 2nd on the list:

Aye 23 Nay: 4 Abstained: 1

Motion was made to prioritize Biology as 3rd on the list: list:

Aye 27 Nay: 1 Abstained: 0

Motion passed in the order as described above. Thus, the senate will notify admin on the outcome of the prioritization.

Equivalency

Dr. Robertson spoke on the equivalency matter. Candidates interested in meeting equivalency in more than one area will be required to complete an application for each desired area. Dr. Robertson also added reasons why some applicants were not considered or denied. Much of it had to do with not having clear documentation or not having enough information was made available.

On the other hand, seven applicants were approved by the equivalency committee. Names and application requirements can be drawn from the Equivalency Committee for more information.

Motion to approve all seven applicants discussed. For verification on the names, please see the list from the equivalency committee.

Motion made by: First: Irma Dagnino Second: Paul Shibalovich

Motion to accept the list discussed was approved unanimously

Sarah Frid spoke to the senate body on the issue of e-readers. The state is distributing the latest textbooks through the e-reader format. Sarah wanted everyone to know the high importance of making sure that every subject will need to be available in this formatting system otherwise, we may lose students.

Curriculum meeting for November was canceled. The next meeting is now scheduled for December 10th. Tencha wants everyone to keep this date in mind.

Adjourn 4:17pm

Meeting Dates 2015-2016
~~September 8~~ ~~October 13th~~ ~~November 10th~~ ~~December 8th~~
February 9th March 8th April 12th, May 10th