



P A L O V E R D E C O L L E G E
ACADEMIC SENATE
2009-2010

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Richard Castillo, Secretary

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 23, 2010
3:00 p.m., CL 101 Auditorium

- I. Opening of Meeting
 - A. Call to Order: 3:05 p.m.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance: Derek Copple
 - C. Approval of Minutes for January 26, 2010
 1. First Motion: Robert Robertson
 2. Second Motion: Brian Thieboux
 3. Discussion/Amendments
 - a. Hortensia Rivera requested an amendment to II.B.
 - b. Approval: Unanimous
 4. Approval: Unanimous
 - D. Adoption of Agenda
 1. First Motion: Robert Robertson
 2. Second Motion: Brian Thieboux
 3. Discussion/Amendments
 - a. New Business: Gift for faculty member.
 - b. Hearing of Citizens: Sherri Jones
 - c. Approval: Unanimous
 4. Approval: Unanimous
- II. Hearing of Citizens

The Senate floor is open to the public for commentary and announcements. Individuals who wish to speak to the Senate body may make a request during Approval of Agenda. Each speaker has a time limit of five minutes. Please remember to respectfully withhold comments, questions, and discussion when a speaker has the floor.

 - A. Biju Raman: Addressed concerns about Kaplan University's contract with Chancellor's Office.
 - B. Tara Perkins: Thanked Senate for helping with Valentine's Day fundraising. Announced that ASB will have another fundraiser for St. Partick's Day. ASB took a survey of students about the 2009 AARC Report for PVC. Students would like to have a faculty mentor program.
 - C. Sherri Jones: Announced the coming Dare To Be Aware on Saturday, March 13.
 - D. Brian Thieboux: Thanked Louise Gallan and her staff for posting faculty schedules on the bulletin board in the LSC.
- III. Announcements
 - A. PRO Task Force: Richard Castillo will be the chair for the task force.
 - B. Sign-ups for Flex Day workshops must be sent to Lupita Andrade.
- IV. Leadership Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Vice-President: None
 - C. Secretary: None
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Accreditation & Institutional Planning & Steering: None
 - B. Articulation & Transfer: None
 - C. Basic Skills Initiative: Louise Gallan reported the BSI Committee is having some difficulties meeting because other meetings on campus are not scheduled with Lupita Andrade.
 - D. Budget: None
 - E. Catalog: None
 - F. Curriculum: None

- G. Distance Education: None
 - H. Enrollment Management: None
 - I. Equivalency: None
 - J. Facilities: None
 - K. Faculty and Staff Diversity: None
 - L. Flex: None
 - M. Foundation Faculty Representative: None
 - N. Matriculation: None
 - O. Program Review: None
 - P. Scholarship: None
 - Q. Security Task Force: None
 - R. Staff Development: None
 - S. Student Learning Outcomes: Sherri Jones reported the SLO Committee met and discussed Brian's presentation and how it relates to ongoing research and practices in other colleges and universities.
 - T. Title III: None
- VI. Previous Business
- A. Issues with instructional materials and technology: IT is working on the problems reported by the Senate. Because the budget crisis is cutting its resources, IT is working to complete and resolve all issues in classroom (i.e., computers, projectors, etc.)
- VII. New Business
- A. Action Item
 - 1. Resolution 2009-10:6: Occupational Programs Course Expansion
 - a. First Motion: Robert Robertson
 - b. Second Motion: Brian Thieboux
 - c. Discussion/Amendments
 - i. There was a question about the impact of the resolution on English courses. There is no impact.
 - d. Approval: Unanimous
 - B. First Readings of Priority Senate Resolutions
 - 1. Resolution 2009-10:4: Required Class Meetings during Final Exams Week
 - a. First Motion: Brian Thieboux
 - b. Second Motion: Robert Robertson
 - c. Discussion/Amendments
 - i. There was discussion about the resolution's purpose since the CTA contract already requires class meetings during Finals Week. The Office of Instruction has received complaints about faculty not adhering to the Final Exams schedule. More discussion involved interventions from PVC administration, students' reactions to non-compliance, possible Ed. Code violations, and upholding academic standards.
 - d. Approval for Second Reading: Aye: 26, Nay: 1, Abstain: 0
 - 2. Resolution 2009-10:5: Grant of Administrative Authority for Faculty to Drop Non-Attending Student
 - a. First Motion: Robert Robertson
 - b. Second Motion: Brian Thieboux
 - c. Discussion/Amendments
 - i. There was discussion about faculty authority to drop students according to Board Policy established and others under development. There may be complications in the resolution concerning its implementation.
 - d. Motion to table the Resolution and review on March 23.
 - i. First Motion: Louise Gallan
 - ii. Second Motion: Brian Thieboux
 - iii. Approval: Unanimous
 - C. Student Learning Outcomes: Let's Talk—Brian Thieboux: Presented opinions on how SLOs are interpreted and used at other community colleges in California.
- VIII. Future Agenda Items & Discussion
- A. Second readings of Senate Resolutions
 - 1. Resolution 2009-10:4: Required Class Meetings during Final Exams Week
 - 2. Resolution 2009-10:5: Grant of Administrative Authority for Faculty to Drop Non-Attending Student
Tabled for revision.
 - B. First readings of remaining Senate Resolutions
 - 1. Resolution 2009-10:2: Creating Cohesive and Unified Academic Standards for Palo Verde College
 - 2. Resolution 2009-10:3: Implementation of Writing Across the Curriculum for Palo Verde College

