

Minutes for the WHCL Academic Senate meeting on October 12, 2015
Room 209, 12:15-1:00

Membership: Tiffani Gonzales (Vice-President; Counseling), Rene Paredes (Secretary; Social Science), Jacqui Shehorn (Arts & Letters), Shawn Jackson (Math & Science), Rodney Ragsdale (Health & Wellness), Terry Davis (CTE), and Joel Rogers (President).

I. Opening:

- A. Call to order 12:21 pm
- B. In attendance: Joel Rogers, Jacqui Shehorn, Maria Gonzalez (sub for Tiffani Gonzales), Rene Paredes, Shawn Jackson/Kurt Sterling, David Rengh (sub for Terry Davis), Rodney Ragsdale, James Preston (administrative representative),

II. Public Comments:

III. Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from meeting on 9-14-15 & 9-28-15 Approved with replacement of Noemi Daniels with Marty Ennes for Ana Leon's evaluation committee.

IV. Action Items:

- A. BP 4041—Textbook adoption—Approved with changes recommended at Senate meeting from 9-28-15
- B. BP 4042—OER—Rodney Ragsdale questions why we need a policy for OER; Joel Rogers stated that the WHC board is attempting to comply with state policy.— Approved with changes recommended at Senate meeting from 9-28-15

V. Discussion Items:

- A. Availability of funds for professional development and innovative technologies—Ron Oxford wanted faculty to know they can come to him for information about these funds.
- B. Course prerequisites-Paredes is on the prereq task force. There is a policy in place for the district regarding the establishment of prereqs, but the question arose whether this policy is in line with Title V. First meeting was held three weeks ago. Discussion of policy revealed that 2011 revisions of Title V are not reflected in district's policy. This issue was discussed at length at the most recent DECC meeting. No resolution as yet.

VI. Reports

- A. Senate President—Board meeting Wednesday, October 14, needs a substitute. State Academic Senate Area A meeting in Clovis on Friday, October 23.
- B. Administrative representative—Title 5 Grant
- C. Arts & Letters Learning Area report--Tabled



D. Social Science Learning Area report—New Degrees in Psychology, Sociology, Geography & History coming soon

VII. Future Agenda Items

- Counselling report (10/26)
- Health & Wellness report (11/9)
- CTE report (12/7)

VII. Next Meeting

October 26, 2015

