

# RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Citizens' Oversight Committee

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Thursday, March 20, 2008, 6:00 p.m. Board Room

## Minutes

### I. Call To Order

- A. Call to Order** - *The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by John Gonzales. Chairwoman Sylvia Southerland would be arriving later.*
- B. Pledge of Allegiance** - *The pledge was led by student representative, Matthew Dorn.*
- C. Roll Call** - *Committee Members Present: Sylvia Southerland\*, Bob Archuleta, Rob Lawe, John Gonzales, Toby Chavez, Patricia Romero, Sam Guyan and Pete Chinn\*. Committee Members Absent: Diana Villalba and Oscar Cruz*
- D. Welcome and Introductions** - *Mr. Gonzales requested that everyone introduce themselves and asked the Superintendent/President to say a few words. Dr. Martinez shared with the group about the President's Gala on April 12, 2008 to expand the office of Veteran's Services, create scholarships, and emergency loans. Currently, there are 400 veterans that attend Rio Hondo College. The President also discussed accreditation, strategic planning, new faculty members hiring, outreach to the community and to high schools.*
- E. Tour of Building Progress** - *The meeting adjourned at 6:30 for a walking tour of the current campus under construction led by Program Manager, Steve Massetti.*
- F. Open Communication for Public Comment** - *The meeting was called back to order by Ms. Southerland at 7:00 p.m. Both Ms. Southerland and Mr. Chinn arrive while the committee toured the campus. There was no public comment.*
- G. Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2007** - *The committee approved the Minutes.*

*\*Late arrivals.*

### II. Reports

- A. President's Update\*\*** - *The President made comments earlier in the meeting.*
- B. Tour of Campus Building Sites** - *The tour was completed earlier.*
- C. Building Program Progress Report** - *Mr. Massetti reported that the Building Panels project has received certification from DSA and is now*

closed out. All other projects have been submitted to DSA for approval. Mr. Massetti informed the committee that the Lot A Bridge should have all steel structure in place after Spring break. He also said that the expected completion date for the program is 2012. There was discussion among the group that there needs to be a Music & Theater Building along with changes to the Student Services Building. Ms. Southerland asked about the rebates that have come back to the college from Southern California Edison for energy efficiency on the new projects. Dr. Steven Lohr reported that he is working with a contact at Edison to secure those rebates and thanked Ms. Southerland for her help in making that happen. There are questions from the committee about community awareness of what is being done on the campus. Mr. Massetti answered that he is working with Anne Turner from VMA at the President's request, to create an outreach document for the community that will include not only the building programs, but also other events that are happening on campus. Mr. Archuleta commented on the beauty of the Annual Report and commended the college on the excellent work. One of the committee members asked if the Annual Report goes out to the high schools as an outreach piece. Dr. Martinez shared that the Annual Report was sent to every household in the district and that other copies are available for committee members who would like to have them for distribution. Professor Jay Sunyogh reported that in previous years, television crews would report on campus and run news stories, but that doesn't seem to happen anymore. Mr. Massetti then answered questions about the Santa Fe Springs center from Mr. Chavez.

*\*\* Mr. Archuleta left the meeting.*

- D. Bond Quarterly Expenditure Report** - Vice President of Finance & Business, Teresa Dreyfuss reviewed the Expenditure Report.
- E. Building Model Progress Report** - Professor Sunyogh presented to the committee the progress on the monochrome models of the Rio Hondo College campus prior to the inception of the Building Access and Excellence building programs and how the campus will look when the program is completed. Professor Sunyogh fielded questions about adding landscaping and color to the model and said that it is a monochrome model and that too much color would not fit with the concept.
- F. Future Meeting Dates and Place** - Vice President of Finance & Business, Teresa Dreyfuss asked the committee if they would like to meet at the Santa Fe Springs Fire Academy for the next meeting on June 19, 2008. Committee members agreed that they would. A shuttle will be at Rio Hondo College at 5:30 p.m. and will take committee members to the site. Other committee members will travel directly to the meeting.
- G. Other Business** - Vice President of Finance & Business, Teresa Dreyfuss reminded the committee that several members that will be leaving the committee due to term expiration. She thanked and recognized the members

*for their service. Current members that have completed their terms include: Sylvia Southerland, Pete Chinn, Oscar Cruz and Patricia Romero.*

**III. Comments from Committee Members** - *No further comments from members.*

**IV. Adjournment** - *Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.*