



**Rio Hondo College**  
**Arts, Business, & Cultural Programs Division**  
**Computer Information Technology Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 6, 2025**

Zoom Meeting ID: <https://riohondo-edu.zoom.us/j/5456196511?omn=81973393889>

**Minutes Final**

**Attendance**

**Committee Members:** Josh Chin, Kimberly Ellis, Sal Perez, Michael Rios, and Eric Zuvic.

**Rio Hondo College Faculty and Staff:** Sinisa Bijelic, Jan Duncan, Steven Gonzalez, Brenda Harlow, Veronica Holbrook, Bridgette Hernandez, Shin Liu, Rudy Rios, Van Vong and George Wheeler.

• **Welcome and Introductions**

- George Wheeler welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.
- Introductions were made by all.

• **February 22, 2024 Minutes**

- Minutes were reviewed.

• **Curriculum/Discussion**

- Mathematics, Sciences and Engineering Division - Veronica Holbrook/Brenda Harlow
  - Data Science Program
    - Certificate of Achievement
      - Current Top Code 07 / CTE TOP Code
- Veronica Holbrook
  - Pipeline grant
  - Top Code 0799.00
  - Data Science and Data Analytics Certificate
  - 6 courses each
  - Growing industry for non-Stem fields.
  - Bridge to Data Science and Data Analytics programs at some universities
  - Growth rate 30% next 5 years
    - Michael Rios – Stick to Python and recommends Calculus.
    - Van Vong – Tools to be introduced: Python, Tablo, Panda, NumPy and Jupyter Notebooks.
  - Vote
    - Motion to accept - Sal Perez
    - Second - Michael Rios
    - Any Opposed - None
    - Any Abstentions - None
    - Those in Favor - Yes
    - Passed Unanimously
- System Administrator Certificate of Achievement & Associate Degree - Sinisa Bijelic
  - Remove Courses from programs
    - MGMT 101 Introduction to Business
    - CIT130 Windows Certification
    - CIT160 Introduction to Operating Systems
  - Add Current Courses

- CIT 170 Server+
- CIT 171 Network+
- Create New Course
  - CIT 1?? Cloud+
- Sinisa Bijelic
  - Align with evolving IT industry standards
  - Focus on technical skills over business concepts
  - Prepare students for industry-recognized certifications
  - Meet employer expectations for system administrators
  - Students gain practical, job-ready skills
  - Prepares for CompTIA certifications highly valued by employers
  - Emphasizes cloud, networking, and server management
  - Increases job market competitiveness
- Sal Perez - Comptia is now GTIX
- Sinisa Bijelic- There's no mention of GTIX on the website
- Van Voung
  - Rio Hondo College has many resources
  - Provides vouches for students
- Rudy Rios
  - With each course students get a higher badge.
  - Scaled Certificates
    - For every two courses completed they earn a certificate
    - Add General Education earn AS degree
    - Two routes – Certification or degree
    - Look into purchasing Certiport
      - Testing Exams
- Vote
  - Motion to accept – Josh Chin
  - Second - Michael Rios
  - Any Opposed - None
  - Any Abstentions - None
  - Those in Favor - Yes
  - Passed Unanimously
- Artificial Intelligence - Rudy Rios
  - Industry's perspective on the use of artificial intelligence in the workplace
    - Rudy Rios
      - Rio Hondo College and the District agree students need to learn how to use AI as a tool.
      - Encourage students to compare their work against AI
        - Consider the results. Which is correct.
        - Use as a tutor to compliment and check one's work.
        - Encourage AI Notebook LM
    - Josh Chin
      - Not teaching AI is a disservice to your students.
      - I want the minutes to reflect any teacher who says no to AI is a fool.
      - Consider open AI. New Academic pilot program
      - Rio Hondo should be part of it.
    - Rudy Rios
      - Invidia AI resource for college instructors
      - Looking into all AI training programs that are available

- Van Vong
  - Highly encouraged trend
  - Will be standardized in everyday living.
  - Students need to learn AI to enter the work force.
- Steven Gonzalez
  - Chancellor's office agrees AI should be taught
  - Benefits out way the negative
  
- New Business Building - Brenda Harlow/Rudy Rios/Sinisa Bijelic – Tabled for the next meeting.
  - What resources should we consider including in this building to help better prepare our students to meet the demands of industry?
  
- **Next Meeting Spring 2026**
  
- **Closing Comments / Adjournment**
  - George Wheeler thanked everyone for their input and the meeting was adjourned 7:35pm.