**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: October 14, 2022**

I. Robert Simpkins called the meeting to order at 8:11AM.

II. Roll Call:

Voting Members:

Executive Committee: Robert Simpkins, President; Joel Weins, Past President, Sarah Rector (Fine and Applied Arts), Vice President; Matthew Flummer (Social Science), Secretary-Treasurer

Representatives: Rickelle Syrdahl (Natural Sciences), Dave Kavern (Kinesiology), Elizabeth Buchanan (Language Arts), Lupe Guillen (Health Careers), Jim Carson (CTE), Ana Ceballos (Student Services), Miguel Ruelas (Math)

Non-Voting Members: Karen Bishop (DE), Joy Lawrence (CCA), Melissa Long (Outcomes), Dustin Acres (Curriculum)

Guests: Dr. Habib

Absent:, Ben Makino (OER)

III. The agenda was approved \*(M-S-P, ?).

IV. Approval of the minutes from 9/23 was tabled until the next meeting.

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Faculty Request Presentations:
   1. Fine Art – Diron Lyons
   2. Music – Sarah Rector
   3. Health Careers – Elizabeth Keele
      1. Nursing
      2. Psych Tech
      3. EMT
   4. Kinesiology – Dave Kavern
   5. Language Arts – Melissa Long
      1. ASL
      2. 2 Replacement English
      3. 1 New English
   6. Math – Sheree Burgess
   7. Social Science – Karen Bishop
      1. Ethnic Studies
      2. History
   8. Student Services – Stephanie Olmedo-Hinde
      1. Counselor/Articulation
      2. Wellness Counselor
2. Administrative Feedback
3. Dr. Habib addressed the Senate and noted that we don’t have numbers yet. HR is calculating the numbers and will have them available soon. Though we will most likely get new faculty positions, we won’t be able to fill all the requested positions. We must find a balance of responding to student demand on campus and dual enrollment. We should consider dual enrollment students as our students – they bring revenue to our campus and help us stay afloat. When it comes to new faculty hires, Dr. Habib noted that she looks for several things: institutional impact, immediate needs growth, legislation, campus growth.

Dr. Habib then expressed concerns about faculty overload. There’s another way to think about the problem that affects both student waitlists and faculty overload and it is high unit courses. For instance, a student could take 4 4-unit classes or 5 3-unit classes. If we have more 4 or 5-unit classes, this impacts students’ ability to take more classes each semester. It effectively creates a barrier to students graduating on time. This is not to say that we should sacrifice rigor – we should align our courses with the CSUs. One worry is that if a student is offered a 4-unit course at PC and they can take the same course at another institution that is only 3-units, then they may opt for the other class and we’re losing that student.

1. Senate Membership Questions and Discussion
   1. Health careers prioritized the RN Position
   2. Language Arts will have an ASL position and three individual English positions that will be labeled appropriately.
   3. Counseling has one person doing Articulation, but that person doesn’t want to do it long term.
   4. Nursing won’t be able to start a new cohort each semester without another instructor.

VI. Reports

1. No Reports

VII. Adjourn: 9:47AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Flummer, Secretary-Treasurer

*\*In consideration of the Brown Act, Items considered to be part of routine procedural business or that incur a unanimous vote have been determined to not require delineation of votes.*