

- I. Robert Simpkins called the meeting to order at 8:05AM.
- II. Roll Call:
Voting Members: Robert Simpkins, (President); Rebecca Baird (President-Elect), Rickelle Syrdahl (Vice-President), Matthew Flummer (Secretary-Treasurer), Joel Wiens (Past President), Dave Kavern (Kinesiology), Elizabeth Buchanan (Language Arts), Lupe Guillen (Health Careers), Jim Carson (CTE), Ana Ceballos (Student Services), Miguel Ruelas (Math)
Non-Voting Members: Melissa Long (Outcomes), Joy Lawrence (CCA), Dustin Acres (Curriculum)
Absent: Ben Makino (Fine and Applied Arts), Karen Bishop, Jacqueline Escareno Salas (Adjunct Faculty Rep),
- III. The agenda was approved *(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Miguel Ruelas).
- IV. The minutes from December 9th were approved *(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, James Carson)
- V. Public Comments
 1. None
- VI. Discussion/Action Items:
 1. KCCD Academic Calendars – The plan is to get all three campuses to approve the calendars for the next three years so that they can be sent to the February Board meeting. The main difference between this one and the last was adding a 5-week period for Winter Break for the 2024-25 calendar.
 - a. Motion to approve the calendars *(M-S-P, Lupe Guillen, Jim Carson)
 2. ACCJC Accreditation Standards – President Habib sent out an email saying that we would be adopting the new standards. CC had previously said they were not in favor of adopting the new standard because they had been working with the old standards and this would cause them to have to start over. The most recent update from Thad was to hold on because this was still under discussion.
 3. Educational Master Plan – We’re required to have one and the next one is due to the board by August 24th. Our administrative team met with a consultant, made a plan, scheduled some meetings, and they need a cross-section of employees (including multiple faculty) to help draft this plan over the next several months. Most meetings will be on Thursday mornings. Faculty will be compensated for participating in the summer. We’ll have to approve this during a special meeting at FLEX-day in order to meet the deadline.

4. Ensure Learning Districtwide Initiative – A document was shared in Districtwide Consultation Council asking the colleges to identify one area that they were focusing on in support of Guided Pathways Pillar 4: Ensuring Learning. Robert Simpkins now been added to the district-wide task force.
5. Kern CCD Jack Hernandez Phronesis Award Nominations – The Chancellor asked each college to consider nominating a faculty member for this districtwide award. Nick Strobel was the first person to win the award last year. The winner gets \$1500 and is honored at a dinner in which they also give a lecture. Nominees must have served 10 years with the district and steadfastly shared their practical academic expertise with the community at large. The winner will be awarded next Fall. The deadline for nominations is February 6th.
6. Summer 2023 Dates – We approved the 2023-2024 calendar. Judy wanted to know when the summer session starts. June 12th will be the start date for the 8-week block.
7. Academic Senate Constitution and By-Laws Review – the request was to go back to divisions and discuss the constitution and by-laws to see if there were any changes that needed to be made. Robert Simpkins has suggested a task force is the best way to proceed. Jim Carson stated that CTE would like to propose that each division has only one vote and remove the votes for the President-elect and Past President. Robert Simpkins shared that former Senate President Jeff Keele was asked about this, who felt those officers should have a vote because they were elected by faculty as a whole and are there to represent faculty as a whole. Jim Carson asked about the faculty rankings, and if that would not give an advantage to faculty in the same division. The request was to ensure faculty in all divisions have reviewed the documents and expressed their thoughts, and to identify faculty who want to participate in a taskforce to draft proposed changes.
8. Senate Resolution on Faculty Professional Development – Revised Draft – Robert Simpkins tried to rewrite the document based on previous feedback and some recommended language from Dustin Acres.
 - a. Motion to approve the resolution *(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Ana Ceballos)
 - b. The biggest challenge to changing how we meet our contractual flex obligation is to develop a system to track what faculty are doing to meet the flexible calendar requirements.
9. Distinguished Students Award Ceremony – Robert Simpkins submitted the Use of Facilities request for April 28th. He will request the list of graduating students from A&R in February.
10. KCCD BPs and Aps
 - a. BP/AP 4000s (Academic Affairs) and 5000s (Student Services) – This is going to the board soon. The final deadline for requests is January 30th.

VI. Reports

1. Senate President – Robert Simpkins hasn't met with President Habib since before our last meeting in December. The next scheduled meeting is February 14th. KCCD is doing better than other community colleges in the state. It seems that online and dual enrollment are the main drivers. PC is doing the best as far as % growth since 2021 in this semester.
2. Curriculum – GE changes are being worked through, the committee did approve changes that would bring PC into Title V compliance. They're working on finalizing the catalogue as well.
3. Distance Education – No Report
4. Outcomes – Outcomes Fest continues.
5. OER/ZTC – No Report
6. CTE – The term CTE is going away and now they call it "Career Education" within the state. So, they would like to officially change their name at the next Senate meeting.
7. Fine and Applied Arts – No Report
8. Health Careers – Applications are open now for RN and PT programs.
9. Kinesiology – Spring sports start today. Softball has a double header today. Baseball starts next Tuesday.
10. Language Arts – No Report
11. Mathematics – Jr high and High school math competitions start soon. Starting discussions to have the whole major online.
12. Natural Sciences – Gilbert Ayuk organized a KCCD STEM Faculty Café and had the first meeting yesterday. Several faculty from the Natural Science Division participated and look forward to next month's meeting.
13. Social Sciences – No Report
14. Student Services – Registration continues, counselors are now teaching student success classes for dual enrollment students.
15. CCA – No Report
16. Guided Pathways – Working on the Ensure Learning plan and revamping our onboarding process.
17. PC Foundation – J. Wiens reported to the foundation activities of student learning that were occurring in the classrooms of PC. Featured were pictures of student experiments measuring flow rates of water in Beth Flynn's Differential Equations Math class and measuring velocities of projectiles from Nerf guns in Jon Satko's Physical Science class (a lab in the education major class that PC students could modify for their future K-8 students). Foundation members also reported on the status of the PC swap meet, the SMART Lab truck being given to Tulare County of Education, and scholarship investments.

VII. Adjourn: 9:22AM

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.*