**Porterville College Academic Senate DRAFT**

**Minutes: February 10th, 2023**

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

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), Lupe Guillen (Health Careers), Jim Carson (CTE), Ana Ceballos (Student Services), Miguel Ruelas (Math), Jacqueline Escareno Salas (Adjunct Faculty Representative)

Advisory Members: Melissa Long (Outcomes), Joy Lawrence (CCA), Dustin Acres (Curriculum), Joel Wiens (PC Foundation)

Guests: None

Absent: Ben Makino (Fine and Applied Arts), Karen Bishop (Distance Education)

III. The agenda was approved as amended \*(M-S-P, Dave Kavern, Miguel Ruelas).

IV. The minutes from January 27th were approved \*(M-S-P, Rebecca Baird, Rickelle Syrdahl)

V. Public Comments

1. None

VI. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Division Chairs elections update – There are five divisions that will be voting this spring and the process is moving forward. CTE is in the process of attempting to change to splitting the chair duties between two faculty.
2. BP 5055 proposed change – Part of the discussion that is already taking place at the district level is about priority registration. Dustin was hoping to get a vote of support for his proposal. This may become a particular problem if we adopt auto-awarding of degrees and students receive a degree when they were planning to continue work toward a degree. If a student gets a degree but needs a few more classes to transfer, then this poses a problem. It is supposed to come up on the agenda for discussion in the VP meeting and the Vice-Chancellor of Educational Services. One option is to extend priority registration for a year after the awarding of a degree. There’s also the problem of students who are about to graduate/transfer but they can’t get the classes that they need. We should take this back to divisions and get feedback.
3. Academic Calendars Spring Break – Once the board approves the options, we need to pick one and get it on the calendar. Our practice is to align with PUSD. We need to make a decision about this soon.
   1. Motion to align our calendars for 23/24 and 24/25 to the Spring Break calendar of PUSD. \*(M-S-P, Jim Carson, Lupe Guillen)
4. Educational Master Plan – There was a call for faculty volunteers to participate in meetings through the summer. They still would like more faculty involvement.
5. Academic Senate Constitution & By-Laws Review – In previous discussion, concerns were expressed about having multiple faculty from the same division voting in the faculty hiring priorities rankings. The policy regarding the voting process is not in the constitution. We could draft a separate policy on this subject that is not part of the constitution. At CC, the Senate Exec committee votes. At BC, the faculty ranking voting is by a non-Senate committee composed of faculty chairs, directors, and deans. At PC it has been done different ways in different years. So, it is a good idea to draft the policy in writing to ensure consistency and guidance for the future.
   1. Concerning voting members: several voices recommended that the past president and the president elect don’t vote and are advisory; or all three president positions get one vote; or the president only gets a vote. We should go back to divisions to get feedback and draft new language this semester to use next fall.
6. Distinguished Students Award Ceremony – An email was sent out this week to admissions and records to get the list of graduating students. Mark your calendars for April 28thfor the ceremony. Karen Bishop asked if we could include students who graduated in summer and fall.
7. Faculty Emeritus Process Taskforce – We need to adjust the timeline for making recommendations for faculty emeritus status because the district wants the ceremony to recognize them to happen earlier in the academic year, requiring us to provide our recommendations before the end of the spring semester. Board policy is 20 years of service and retiring or resigning without cause. Some faculty have suggested the process be automatic because faculty have sometimes been overlooked, but there have also been instances where there were questions about whether specific faculty should receive the status, even if they met the criteria in board policy. No faculty are expected to retire this year, but some past faculty may have been overlooked due to confusion about the criteria and process. Robert will try to draft revised language from the feedback for review.
8. KCCD BPs & APs
   1. BP/AP 4000s & 5000s – revisions will be submitted soon
9. Staff Development Committee/Faculty Professional Development – College Council discussed reviving the staff development committee that would have broad representation because some professional development is for everyone, while some is for specific groups. Rickelle Syrdahl suggested that we create a Google doc with a list of ideas of things that would automatically count toward flex credit. The biggest issues are tracking individual faculty progress toward meeting their contractual obligations for professional development and determining what would count.

VII. Reports

1. Senate President – Dr Habib canceled her meeting with the President and President-elect this week. The last meeting was in December. Accreditation standards might be changing. Curriculum – Finalizing proposed changes to the local GE pattern.
2. Distance Education – Online teaching conference is happening and there’s money available. ZTC funding is also available. Joy Lawrence will serve as the DE committee’s representative to the Academic Senate moving forward.
3. Outcomes – Get on your outcomes and talk to your rep.
4. OER/ZTC – No Report
5. CTE – Student appreciation BBQ and over 100 people were served.
6. Fine and Applied Arts – No Report
7. Health Careers – No Report.
8. Kinesiology – Baseball is home on the 14th and the 18th. Women’s basketball has their last game on the 13th.
9. Language Arts – No Report
10. Mathematics – Math competitions are coming up next month.
11. Natural Sciences – No Report.
12. Social Sciences – CHAP event tonight by Ben Nelson on Religion in America.
13. Student Services – No Report.
14. CCA – Slow movement on Contract negotiations
15. Guided Pathways – they’re putting degrees into program mapper software but there are bugs in the program, some issues that come from content downloaded from eLumen. There’s a gathering with CSUB on March 3 targeting programs with transfer degrees. Primavera, Bob and Ricardo are looking at a grant from the State Chancellor’s office regarding diversity and culturally responsive pedagogy to train faculty in this area.
16. PC Foundation – No Report.

VII. Adjourn: 9:40AM

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.*