**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: March 11, 2022**

I. Robert Simpkins called the meeting to order at 8:02.

II. Roll Call:

Voting Members: Robert Simpkins, President; Sarah Rector, Vice President; Matthew Flummer, Secretary-Treasurer; Miles Vega, Past President; Rickelle Syrdahl, Bret Davis, Ben Makino, Stephanie Cortez, Patty Serrato, Elizabeth Buchanan, Miguel Ruelas

Non-Voting Members: Rebecca Baird, Dustin Acres, Melissa Long, Karen Bishop

Guests: Reagen Dozier, Thad Russell

III. The agenda was approved as amended \*(M-S-P, Sarah Rector, Stephanie Cortez).

IV. The minutes were tabled to the next meeting \*(M-S-P, Miles Vega, Elizabeth Buchanan).

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Regular Effective Contact Policy – The new policy was revised by the Distance Ed Committee so that the language matches Federal and State policy. HyFlex was added as another form of DE. There was also a change to relax the student-to-student interaction. Perhaps we should make an exception to the two announcement per-week rule for regular effective contact for classes that meet via Zoom synchronously. The language for what makes a DE class is too broad. It would define a class as DE that’s not a DE class. The Senate asks for this document to be revised and then brought back to be approved at a later date.
2. Senate and Executive Board Changes – Right now, the president appoints the adjunct rep, who is a voting member. Should we have adjuncts vote on an adjunct representative? Typically, there has been little adjunct engagement. This might be an opportunity to increase engagement.
3. Faculty Professional Development Proposal – Robert proposed a draft document for professional development.
   1. Motion to approve the proposal to be presented to the Administration \*(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Elizabeth Buchanan)
4. Teaching Innovation Center Proposal – It is meant to house professional development, be a repository of expertise, assessment and evaluation, and cross-College communication. There would be a staggered start to all these aspects so that too much isn’t attempted at the same time. We will discuss the drafts of this at the next meeting.
5. Division Representative Elections – This is supposed to happen every 2 years. It would be helpful to have a record of when everyone began their 2-year term. This would allow others in our divisions to have more opportunities to serve.
6. Division Chair Elections – Elections have been completed; we’re just waiting for the announcement from administration.
7. Faculty Building Access – discussion is ongoing.
8. Winter Intersession – District-wide task force met recently. CC is strongly opposed to making changes to the calendar. BC is interested in changing the calendar to allow for winter intersession. It looks like we’re at an impasse because we’re supposed to have common start/stop dates among the colleges in the districts. BC wants to move the Spring term back two weeks. But this will mean that Spring ends in June instead of May. This would eliminate the break between Spring and Summer terms.
9. Distinguished Student Award Ceremony – We moved forward with creating our event. Robert submitted a facilities request for April 29th. We just needed to adjust the date so that the event was done by 7 so that M&O would have time to clean. Now, we need students to recognize and a plan for the night.
10. OER/ZTC – No new updates

VI. Reports

1. Senate President – Chancellor’s seminar series is happening and some of our faculty are committed to present at some of the Chancellor’s seminars for teaching and learning.
2. CTE – A bus just left with Elisa and Carson for a Fresno State tour.
3. Fine and Applied Arts – We’re going to have concerts this semester as long as the use of facilities request is approved.
4. Health Careers – No Report
5. Kinesiology - No Report
6. Language Arts - No Report
7. Mathematics – Math competition is coming up.
8. Natural Sciences - No Report
9. Social Sciences - No Report
10. Student Services – PC Connection will be April 6 & 7 from 4-8 in person. March Ahead campaign is happening right now. Priority Registration begins March 30.
11. CCA – discussing the calendar with regard to winter intercession
12. Curriculum – New courses and programs have made it through. Robert brought in a GE update, as programs come forward they need to avoid redundant language.
13. Distance Education - No Report
14. Guided Pathways – PSEC is now the Guided Pathways committee with teams for the four academic and career pathways. They’ll be looking for faculty to take on roles.
15. Outcomes – Listen to and support your division outcomes rep.
16. PC Foundation – continues to meet once a month. Scholarship committee is in the middle of evaluating applications. The Swap Meet continues to grow. Joel is showcasing particular faculty and telling stories about their lives.

VII. Adjourn: 9:22

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.*