**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: April 22, 2022**

I. Robert Simpkins called the meeting to order at 8:06.

II. Roll Call:

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

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

Guests: Thad Russell, Jeff Keele

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

IV. The minutes from February 25 were approved \*(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Sarah Rector).

The minutes from March 11 were approved \*(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Elizabeth Buchanan).

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V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Regular and Substantive Interaction Policy/DE committee – some of the items/definitions cannot be changed because the language needs to be consistent with state and federal law.
   1. One question was whether we need to continue with the 2 announcement per week for classes that are meeting synchronously via Zoom. But the DE committee is concerned that there won’t be enough evidence for accreditation to see that there’s enough faculty to student interaction.
   2. The question for accreditation is how we can prove that regular and effective contact is taking place.
   3. Motion to approve the new Regular and Substantive Policy \*(M-S-P, Sarah Rector, Miguel Ruelas)
2. Online Teaching Handbook – Sarah Phinney’s name was removed to make it more generic. Also, other parts were updated because the language wasn’t relevant anymore. We will discuss this again at the next meeting.
3. New Faculty Orientation – This week Thad initiated a discussion with Robert about planning for the orientation for the fall. There were a number of responses from the campus. Faculty suggested that the onboarding process include more topics. Senate members should read the document and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.
4. Distinguished Student Award Ceremony – It is taking place next Friday at 5:30pm in the cafeteria. There are over 100 people already confirmed. But we need more faculty to attend – especially the faculty who nominated someone. Robert ordered pins and certificates for the distinguished students.
5. Faculty Professional Development Subcommittee Task Force – There was a proposal about how to accomplish this. Robert is meeting with Dr. Habib today to share the proposal. If she approves, we need to be ready to put it into action. We approved the formation of a subcommittee of the senate to take the lead on this.
6. Teaching Innovation Center (TIC) Proposal – Jeff Keele raised concerns about staffing in the TIC. Right now, the chancellor controls how many full-time faculty. To assign two full time faculty to the TIC is to assign positions from programs that we should have in the classroom. Faculty release time is negotiated with the president and the proposal called for a .8 release time which is far more than faculty usually get for reassign time.
   1. Sarah Rector noted that Fine Arts had the same concern.
   2. Lupe Guillen noted that Health Careers also had the same concern.
   3. Karen Bishop voiced the concern from the DE Committee that the proposal would have benefitted from more substance and collaboration with the DE Committee. We should also take advantage of Sarah Phinney’s expertise before she retires.
   4. Robert suggested that the Senate take a more clearly defined role because the area that the TIC falls under is under the purview of the Senate. Also, we don’t know about Sarah Phinney’s replacement.
   5. The recommendation was to revise the proposal to modify the timeline, the staffing concerns and the inclusion of the physical space.
7. Faculty building access – Senate Executive Board is working on a draft of a new building access policy to present to the Senate at a later time.
8. OER/ZTC – No update.

VI. Reports

1. Senate President – Board of trustees awarded emeritus status to the candidates: Maria Roman and David Hensley. Catherine Hodges was recognized but will receive her award at a later date because she wasn’t in attendance. Future retirees will be instructed on the change to their emails. Robert also read a report about faculty achievements. The Chancellor received a “Satisfactory” on her recent evaluation. Melissa will be representing PC at the next Chancellor’s Seminar meeting. The Commencement Committee needs a faculty member to help read student names at commencement.
2. Curriculum – not a lot of new things. Kudos to Natural Science, Kinesiology and Health Careers for big changes.
3. Distance Education – No Report
4. Outcomes - No Report
5. CTE – No Report
6. Fine and Applied Arts – Student Art Show is going on right now. Choir concert is May 2.
7. Health Careers – Nursing Pinning Ceremony is May 14, Psych Tech graduation is May 27th.
8. Kinesiology – No Report
9. Language Arts – great time honoring author Sandra Cisneros, next Friday is National Poetry Day at noon on zoom
10. Mathematics – Successful math competition yesterday
11. Natural Sciences - Sending forward many courses to change biology course designations
12. Social Sciences – No Report
13. Student Services – Different events: Native American Club did a campus tour, Cesar Chavez was honored, PC Connection took place
14. CCA – Elections are next week
15. Guided Pathways – Pathway Teams will be a point of contact for students, and we need people who will be interested in having this role: one faculty for each of the Academic and Career Pathways.
16. PC Foundation – No Report

VII. Adjourn: 9:39

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.*