**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: August 26, 2022**

I. Robert Simpkins called the meeting to order at 8:00AM.

II. Roll Call:

Voting Members: Robert Simpkins, President; Sarah Rector, Vice President; Matthew Flummer, Secretary-Treasurer; Joel Wiens, Past President; Rickelle Syrdahl, Dave Kavern, Elizabeth Buchanan, Lupe Guillen, Jim Carson, Ana Ceballos, Miguel Ruelas, Leslie Pelon (Adjunct Rep)

Non-Voting Members: Melissa Long, Dustin Acres

Guests: Thad Russell, Elisa Quenan, Reagan Dozier, Ben Makino

III. The agenda was approved as amended \*(M-S-P, Joel Wiens, Jim Carson).

IV. The minutes from May 13 were approved \*(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Dave Kavern).

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Introduction of new Senate Members
2. Senate Meetings Posting Space – Agendas are required to be posted in a public location. They will be posted in a display case outside the SM-SS building at least 72 hrs prior to the meetings.
3. Project PC Reads – This is a project to get students to read more and to be more involved in the reading area in the library. The books that faculty are reading will be purchased and placed in the area.
4. EL2 Course Deactivation – There are a lot of English as a Second Language classes, some for credit and some not for credit. The proposal is to eliminate the credit requirement of lower-level classes and replacing them with noncredit classes.
5. ASCCC Membership Invoice Update - The amount of money required to maintain membership increased and exceeded what was in the budget, so over the summer money was moved to the Senate account to cover it. We need to change the budged to reflect the increase.
6. Academic Calendar/New Holidays – There is a new campus closure holiday for Juneteenth. This is a result of an agreement from the board and classified. Some faculty already had their schedules made for the summer and had to change them. The academic senate presidents were concerned that the discussion and communication of this change wasn’t handled properly – there was too little time and too little notification. To be clear, this isn’t expressing an opposition to the holiday, just the way that the decision was made and communicated.
7. New Faculty Position Searches – The Chancellor decided to give PC two new full time faculty position searches in Education and History. Though the Social Science division chair was involved in this discussion, the Senate was not. Both positions were part of the Senate ranking, but there were many position requests that were ranked above Education. The Chancellor explicitly told PC that we would be hiring an education position, but she gave us leeway about History. The underlying factor of this was the 50% law, which dictates that we will be hiring new faculty in the future. Given that there are new positions coming, we need to consult with our divisions to come up with presentations for the faculty ranking.
8. Temporary Full-Time Position Search Committees – The other Senate presidents started a discussion about the process by which we hire temporary full-time instructors. They typically function like adjunct hires, but there is a concern that if they are full-time, they should be hired according to the full-time process. The counterargument is that often these need to happen quickly, and the full-time process takes too long. One proposal is that there would be two faculty and an administrator on temporary full-time search committees to make sure that there is a faculty majority on the committees.
9. Adjunct Senate Representation – Leslie Pelon will serve as our adjunct rep
10. Emeritus Faculty Nominations – The board wanted all nominations for emeritus nominations submitted in time for the September board meeting. This posed a problem because our process historically took place in October and that wouldn’t give us enough time. The board proposed that we push the timeline back so that they would be discussed in the November board meeting. One part of the discussion was whether we need to amend the process to be more like BC’s process where anyone with 20yrs of service automatically goes forward.
    1. Motion to accept all four nominations and submit them to the board – Jay Hargis, Kathryn Benander, Bev Ward, and Craig Briton: \*(M-S-P, Jim Carson, Joel Wiens)
11. Faculty Professional Development –
    1. At the end of last semester, Robert Simpkins had told President Habib about a proposal for a flexible flex. She was agreeable, but then in June, she decided that she wanted more time to consider the proposal.
    2. Jim Carson asked that that the faculty professional development proposal from last year be revisited. We’ll discuss this next time.
12. New Faculty Orientation
13. Building Access Policy
14. Senate Calendar

VI. Reports

1. Senate President – No Report
2. Curriculum – At the curriculum institute, Dustin Acres found out that there was a lot more flexibility regarding the evaluations of CTE and Nursing.
3. Distance Education – No Report
4. Outcomes – Every division needs to have representation on the Outcomes Committee.
5. OER/ZTC – Claire Zimmerman is the coauthor of an ESL OER textbook
6. CTE – No Report
7. Fine and Applied Arts – No Report
8. Health Careers – v
9. Kinesiology – No Report
10. Language Arts – No Report
11. Mathematics – No Report
12. Natural Sciences - No Report
13. Social Sciences – No Report
14. Student Services – No Report
15. CCA – No Report
16. Guided Pathways – No Report
17. PC Foundation – No Report

VII. Adjourn: 9:40

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.*