**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: October, 22 2021**

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

II. Roll Call:

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

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

Guests:

III. The agenda was approved as amended \*(M-S-P, Lupe Guillen, Bret Davis).

IV. The minutes were approved as amended \*(M-S-P, Miguel Ruelas, Patty Serrato).

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Faculty position Requests Ranking –
   1. History
   2. Agriculture
   3. Psychiatric Technician
   4. Physical Science
   5. Counseling
   6. Music
   7. English
   8. EMT/Paramedic
   9. Geography
   10. Education
   11. Math replacement
   12. Professor/Head Coach Kinesiology
   13. Nursing
   14. Administration of Justice
   15. Counseling
   16. American Sign Language
   17. Math new
   18. Art
2. Faculty Emeritus Proposal – Robert Simpkins explained some changes to the proposal to make it more clear and professional looking
   1. Motion to approve the amended form \*(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Elizabeth Buchanan)
   2. Some emeritus nominations sent last year to the board by President Habib did not appear on the final list, for unclear reasons; divisions should discuss if they want to move them forward again this year.
   3. It would be nice to have an Emeritus faculty section in the directory
3. Medals of distinction/scholar of the year proposal – Take the proposal back to divisions for discussion
4. BC Intercession proposal – there was a meeting between the three colleges about the proposal. The science faculty, trying to deal with impacted classes, are driving it. There are a few proposals to change the academic calendar to allow for winter intercession. Of all the colleges that do this, none do 6 week, which is what BC wants.
   1. What about fraudulent enrollments? We want to request an update from the administration – update the chairs too
5. MacKenzie Scott task force faculty Reps – 7 million in the bank that we need to figure out what to do with. We need 2 faculty reps to be on the committee. The president is thinking about using it for scholarships and building projects. Sarah Rector and one person from math are interested.
6. UCM Transfer Pathways – Robert Simpkins will represent us at this event to encourage more students to transfer to UC Merced.
7. Commencement Update – The plan is to do in-person commencement in the stadium
8. Fall task force updates
   1. Professional development – there is faculty involvement in discussions and there’s collaboration happening in Achieving the Dream
   2. Academic integrity – progress is being made
   3. OER/ZTC – there is a possibility of money being given for ZTC degrees
9. Guided Pathways Update -

VI. Reports

1. Senate president report – at the board of trustees meeting they discussed student housing. It seems that BC has a plan for building student housing. They were looking towards doing this for PC and CC too. This would have a positive impact on athletics
2. Fine and Applied arts – Sarah will record the choral concerts and there’s an art show
3. Health Careers – progress is being made on the sim rig
4. Kinesiology – the stadium is being renovated, local coaches and band directors are excited about this
5. Language Arts – poetry
6. Math – area high school math competition
7. CCA – dual enrollment and intercession discussions ongoing
8. Foundation –
9. The district wants to encourage more inter-district collaboration

VII. Adjourn: 9:23

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.*