**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: December, 11 2020**

I. Miles Vega called the meeting to order at 8:.

II. Roll Call:

Voting Members: Miles Vega, President; Robert Simpkins, President elect; Jeff Keele, Past President, Kathryn Benander, Vice President; Matthew Flummer, Secretary-Treasurer; Rickelle Syrdahl, Sarah Rector, David Kavern, Patty Serrato, Stephanie Cortez, Miguel Ruelas, Robert Haynes

Non Voting Members: Joel Wiens

Guests: Rebecca Baird, Frank Ramirez, Erin Sullivan Arcos,

III. The agenda was approved \*(M-S-P, Miguel Ruelas, Katheryn Benander).

IV. The minutes were approved \*(M-S-P, David Kavern, Miguel Ruelas).

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Course substitution – What exactly were the issues with the English Course Substitution policy? – That the substitution wouldn’t affect a student’s future major or job area.
   1. Most students who need the accommodation need the math substitution.
   2. It seems like the students who need the English substitution are deaf or hard of hearing.
   3. Erin will send out the old form and the proposed new form so that we can review before moving forward
2. Summer schedule
   1. Motion to schedule summer session June 7-July 29 and allow instructors to start 6-week courses on the 7th, the 14th, or the 21st. \*(M-S-P, Kathryn Benander, Jeff Keele)
3. Faculty positions – Dr. Habib announced that the following will be the new faculty hires:
   1. DRC, Counseling, Biology, Psych Tech, Language Arts
   2. This list isn’t according to our ranking – Kinesiology was 3rd.
   3. It would be nice to have an explanation of the Administration’s reasoning for the move.
4. Social justice – The SJ team will be presenting at Flex
5. Land purchase – we’ve reached a deal to purchase the land across the street. It is in escrow now.
6. Flex agenda
7. Cheating – there have been significant increases in issues with academic integrity. Also, perhaps we should create a task force to look into this and figure out what we can do to improve the process.
   1. “Don’t Google first; think first!” – Kathryn Benander
   2. We formed a task force to address cheating. Task force: Robert Simpkins, Kathryn Benander and Rickelle Syrdahl
8. Dual enrollment – tabled because documents weren’t ready.
9. Add codes – Some colleges use them and others don’t, we’ve been told that we have to, then told that it will be expensive to not use them. Also, they don’t seem to solve the problem.
   1. Motion: The Senate rejects add codes and we encourage the administration to find the money for the banner add-on. The requirement of add codes is an equity issue and poor practice. \*(M-S-P, Kathryn Benander, Rickelle Syrdahl)
10. New executive members – Jeff Keele has been asked to stay on executive committee for the Spring semester
11. Campus climate

VI. Reports



VIII. 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.*