**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: September, 10 2021**

I. Robert Simpkins called the meeting to order at 8:03.

II. Roll Call:

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

Non Voting Members: Joel Wiens, Rebecca Baird, Dustin Acres

Guests: Melissa Long

III. The agenda was approved as amended \*(M-S-P, Miguel Ruelas, Elizabeth Buchannan).

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

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Financial Aid/Student Bots Update – This has been in the news quite a bit both locally and nationally. No news from the district. It did come up during the board of trustees meeting. Faculty are encouraged to check rolls and look for evidence of fraud.
2. Proposed change to administrative procedure language on credit for upper division courses. Bakersfield college expressed a desire to change the language of upper division course work that is transferred from a 4-year institution. They asked colleges to take a look. It doesn’t apply to the CSU and IGETC GE pattern. Colleges are able to make their own decision that applies to them.
3. Faculty emeritus proposal – our task force drafted some proposed language in the case where the president has a difference of opinion regarding who is put forward for emeritus status. This will allow us to standardize the information that is provided about the emeriti for the president’s information and to use in the ceremonies.
   1. Should the retirees only be recognized in the year that they retire? For those that miss the deadline, they should be nominated within the next year.
   2. Technically, we don’t really get a say in this, it is according to the President’s prerogative
   3. Perhaps the best solution is to nominate them the year after they retire
   4. We should also be more clear about the criteria
   5. We should submit them to the senate by the first meeting in November and bring them to the president in December.
   6. We should also keep internal records of our own nominations and who were actually recognized.
4. PSEC Data team membership changes –Daniel Rice will be replacing Melissa Long and Terry Cruz will be replaced by Di Reagan
5. New faculty orientation – lots of faculty have shared helpful information on how to improve
6. New faculty position requests – there was a presentation at the board of trustees meeting by Arlitha that said that the governor was allotting money to hire 27 new faculty for the district.
   1. The form will be sent to division chairs.
7. Areas to review for Fall semester
   1. Medals of distinction criteria/procedure
   2. Scholar of the year criteria/procedure
   3. Others?
8. Fall task force update
   1. Professional development
   2. Academic Integrity
   3. OER/ZTZ

VI. Reports

1. Quick Tips meeting with Thad and Michelle: they love it but they aren’t sure the president would support more because of the special comps involved; but faculty can go ahead and start working on more
2. CTE: Senior Day will be led by Reagen with a possibility of a February date but it might not happen due to COVID
3. Student Services started 60/40 on campus/at home.
4. Curriculum – Dustin Acres is the new chair; they’ll be updating the handbook and the Canvas shell, and there’s a new course and program form, discussions of changed in GE and watching out for new legislation
5. Foundation retreat: 7 million $ grant from McKenzie Scott, stakeholders to meet with president

VIII. Adjourn:

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.*