**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: February, 26 2021**

I. Miles Vega called the meeting to order at 8:00.

II. Roll Call:

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

Non Voting Members: Joel Wiens

Guests: Rebecca Baird, Errin Sullivan Arcos,

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

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

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Guided Pathways – moving forward with the document,
	1. reference to a STEM and literacy center?
	2. Motion to approve Guided Pathways Self-Assessment Report \*(M-S-P, Stephanie Cortez Patty Serrato) (Abstention Jeff Keele)
2. Course Substitution – the previous policy doesn’t require an attempt, but we’re going to change that so that it is attempt + documentation of disability
	1. Motion to approve Course Substitution Policy with changes above\*(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Patty Serrato)
3. Dual Enrollment – subcommittee has been meeting and has some topics that will be brought to CCA for an MOU (over 700 students involved in Dual Enrollment)
	1. See document “Senate Recommendations on Dual Enrollment”
	2. At COS faculty teaching Dual Enrollment were evaluated
	3. Due to the randomness of offerings, should we come up with a better or more intentional plan for course offerings?
	4. We should be more involved in advising High Schools in best practices for students involved
4. Graduation – we have signed with a company that will do a virtual ceremony
	1. We need Scholar of the Year and Medals of Distinction by March 29
		1. There’s no limit to the number of these
	2. The subcommittee is continuing to work on a proposal for future graduations
	3. The list of selected students for medals should be submitted by our next Senate meeting to check to see if the students are eligible.
5. Social Justice – Kimanthi Warren has moved on so now Frank Ramirez has taken over leading the group
	1. Social Justice Committee discussed the Renegade Institute for Liberty
	2. Where’s the line between freedom of speech and protecting students?
6. Emeritus Faculty/Retirement – the district is potentially offering a “Golden Handshake”. This could have a big impact on our faculty. The decisions must be made by April and then it would be possibly be approved by the board.
	1. All the names went through and one was added: Valerie Lombardi Glahn
		1. Motion to add Valerie Lombardi Glahn to the Emeritus list \*(M-S-P, Jeff Keele Miguel Ruelas)
7. Add/Drop Codes – We’re asking for more info and we’ve received none.
8. Progress Reports – We’re moving to electronic progress reports within Navigate. Many different groups on campus request progress reports. Prima wants to know if the progress report should come from faculty or from generic address. More information is coming.
9. Credit for Prior Learning – the committee is being tasked with creating a campus procedure for CPL; division chairs are discussing this too
10. CTE has AS in Business management with emphasis in logistics management and a certificate in customer service academy – neither of these have been offered.
	1. Motion to discontinue both of these \*(M-S-P, Stephanie Cortez, Jeff Keele)

VI. Reports

1. Foundation: 8.6 million for investments for scholarships, the new CTE and allied health continues to move forward, stadium modernization starts in May, new roundabout on Plano, Dr. Habib mentioned HyFlex that records lectures
2. Microbiology is back on Campus
3. COVID Shots are being offered – would that make it easier to get on campus?
4. New gate to allow students access to campus?

VIII. 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.*