



**Meeting Minutes for:
April 28th, 2023
8-9:30 a.m.**

Present:

Voting Members:

Executive Committee: President, Robert Simpkins; President-Elect, Rebecca Baird; Past President, Joel Wiens; Vice-President, Sarah Rector (Fine and Applied Arts); Secretary/Treasurer,

Representatives: James Carson (CTE), Lupe Guillen (Health Careers), Dave Kavern (Kinesiology), Elizabeth Buchanan (Language Arts), Miguel Ruelas (Math), Rickelle Syrdahl (Natural Sciences), Jacqueline Escareno Salas (Adjunct Faculty Representative)

Advisory (Non-Voting) Members:

Joel Wiens (PC Foundation), Dustin Acres (Curriculum), Joy Lawrence (CCA/Distance Education Committee), Melissa Long (Outcomes), Ben Makino (ASCCC OER Liaison)

Invited Guests:

Ricardo Marmolejo (Director of Student Services Equity); Carlos Rodriguez (ASPC President), Chris Ebert (PC Librarian faculty); Sherie Burgess (Math Division Chair)

Absent:

Matthew Flummer, Ana Ceballos

Proxy Members:

Leslie Pelon (for Matthew Flummer, Social Science), Stephanie Olmedo-Hinde (for Ana Ceballos, Student Services)

- I. Call to Order – President Simpkins called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.
- II. Roll Call, Introduction of New Members, Proxy Members, and Invited Guests
- III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve (M-S-P – Carson, Guillen)

- IV. Approval of Minutes – 3/24/23 meeting

Motion to accept (M-S-P – Rector, Baird)

- V. Public Comments Section (see policy above – 3 minutes per speaker maximum)

No public comments.

- VI. New Business:
 - a. Action Items:
 - i. CHAP John Reid funds request

Leslie Pelon on behalf of CHAP to request use of John Reid funds for \$1,000 for May 3rd speaker Alex Saragoza
Motion to approve (M-S-P – Rector, Guillen)

ii. BC Senate Resolutions

Bakersfield College Academic Senate Mathematics Equivalency Resolution presented for possible PC Academic Senate support; historical context provided by Math Division Chair Sherie Burgess, majority of Math division expressed interest in support of resolution; alternative view provided by Dustin Acres. Discussion of supporting resolution with a Senate vote vs. retaining documents as reference for use by Senate Equivalency committee.

Motion to support resolution (Ruelas); no second, no further action taken.

b. Discussion Items:

i. Academic Senate Student Representation

ASPC President Carlos Rodriguez addressed the Senate about the importance of the student perspective on Academic Senate, proposed the addition of a voting student representative on the Senate. Discussion of student voice being included in the Senate deliberation process, role of advisory vs. voting student member. Proposal will be sent back to divisions for feedback to be shared at the next meeting.

ii. Proposed PC Academic Senate Constitution Amendments

Dustin Acres presented two potential amendments, one to change the Past-President to a non-voting member, one to include a student as a voting member. First proposal is now part of upcoming proposed changes to Senate Constitution. Second proposal relates to prior agenda item discussion.

iii. Social Justice Action Committee Proposal for Resolution for Recognition of Four Substantial Holidays

Director of Student Success and Equity Ricardo Marmolejo spoke representing the Social Justice Action Committee regarding their committee's proposal to seek support for college recognition of four holidays: Cesar Chavez Day (March 31st), Native American Day (Last Friday in September), Transgender Day of Remembrance (November 20), LGBTQIA+ Pride Month (June). The committee is seeking the Academic Senate's support for their proposal. Proposal will be brought back at the next meeting.

iv. Guided Pathways Committee Pillar 4: Ensure Learning Plan

Robert Simpkins presented the plan prepared through the Guided Pathways Committee in support of Pillar 4: Ensure Learning. The Guided Pathways Committee has approved the plan, and the committee is seeking support of the Academic Senate for the plan. This is not a required document, but can serve as a reference for future planning and implementation.

Motion to support plan (M-S-P – Syrdahl, Rector)

v. Staff Development Committee faculty representation

Prior structure of Staff Development Committee had two faculty, no specific representation indicated. What should faculty representation in the committee be moving forward? Discussion reached consensus for four faculty representatives, one for the 'orange' and 'blue' Academic and Career Pathways (combined), one for the 'green' pathway, one for the 'purple' pathway, and one for Student Services faculty.

vi. Summer Session Scheduling/Senate Role

President Simpkins reported faculty questions about the summer schedule. Authority to establish Academic Calendar given to Senate by CCA, and traditionally the Senate determines the period of summer classes, but this year several classes are being offered outside of that period. This raises the question of why we create a summer

schedule, and what the impact is of having with many different start and end dates. Librarian Chris Ebert spoke about limitation of staff at points in the summer, and needing times when the library is not available to students. Simpkins shared that Reagan Dozier spoke to limitations to support services and student workers in the summer. Simpkins recommended soliciting input from faculty and looking at how to ensure students are provided with opportunities while not introducing inequities due to limitations of staff and resources in the summer. This will be discussed again at the next meeting with a goal of having a shared understanding for planning for next year.

vii. Educational Master Plan/June 15 Meeting

Key meeting for the Educational Master Plan process, faculty presence desired. Let VPI Thad Russell know if you are available to attend.

viii. ASCCC Rising Scholars Liaison

Dean Michelle Miller-Galaz requested that the Senate reviews this ASCCC position – ASCCC recommends local college Senates create a dedicated faculty advisory position within the Senate who would also be the liaison for the local Senate to the ASCCC. Recommendation is to discuss in divisions and bring feedback to the next meeting.

ix. Faculty Emeritus Update

Under the new local emeritus policy, the Senate Executive Board will recommend Miles Vega for emeritus status, was eligible last year.

VII. Old Business:

a. Academic Senate Constitution & By-Laws Review (Discussion Item)

Task force work is progressing on recommended revisions. Constitution is finished, By-Laws will be reviewed next week. Goal is to have a draft to Senate for final meeting of the year.

b. Distinguished Students Award Ceremony (Discussion Item)

The PC Academic Senate Distinguished Students Award Ceremony will be held today at 5 p.m. in Student Center, please attend if possible. Approximately 20 students will be recognized, along with the Scholar of the Year.

c. PC Welcome Day (Discussion Item)

Planning with the Welcome Day task force continues, with an email update to faculty planned for next week. The tentative schedule includes a one hour meet and greet with faculty and students organized by Academic and Career Pathway, and one hour for introducing students to the programs. The goals are to build community, reduce student fears, and generate enthusiasm.

VIII. Reports:

a. Senate President

There will need to be an special Senate meeting during Flex Days in the fall semester for the purposes of approving the Educational Master Plan in time to send to the Board of Trustees; this will be the only item for the meeting, but requires everyone to have reviewed and be ready to approve it, because opportunities will already have been provided for feedback. President Simpkins attended the ASCCC Spring Plenary virtually. The final resolution packet is not yet available; he will share at the next meeting. Simpkins attended sessions on Strategic Enrollment Management, Brown Act, Authentic Voices, and the ASCCC elections and resolution voting (as the college voting delegate). Cheryl Aschenbach was elected the new ASCCC President. He and President-elect Rebecca Baird met with College President Habib on April 4th. Several members of the Academic Senate attended the district-wide Teaching-and-Learning Festival in Bakersfield on April 14th, along with a large number of other PC faculty, staff, and administrators. A faculty reader is needed for Commencement.

- b. Senate Subcommittees:
 - i. Curriculum – Meetings finished for the year, looking at AP testing
 - ii. Distance Education – No report
 - iii. Outcomes – All outcomes should be in the assessment cycle by August
- c. Senate Task Forces:
 - i. OER/ZTC – new form to apply for funding for ZTC
- d. Divisions:
 - i. CTE – division name change from CTE to CE (Career Education)
 - ii. Fine and Applied Arts – student art exhibit in the Art Building until May 4th; band concert last night
 - iii. Health Careers – Nursing completion ceremony May 13th, PT ceremony following week
 - iv. Kinesiology – final baseball games today and tomorrow, Monday is Student Athlete awards recognition ceremony in Student Center
 - v. Language Arts – No report
 - vi. Mathematics – Math data summit today
 - vii. Natural Sciences – No report
 - viii. Social Sciences – reminder to be aware of finals schedules and to not move finals around
 - ix. Student Services – Transfer Recognition Ceremony yesterday
- e. Other Reports:
 - i. Adjunct faculty – No report
 - ii. CCA – No report
 - iii. Guided Pathways – work on end of year reflection on first year under new structure
 - iv. PC Foundation – Scholarship Ceremony last Friday, Joel provided report on faculty activities to Foundation this morning
- IX. Closed Session (Not open to the public – if needed) – No items
- X. Future Agenda Items - None
- XI. Adjournment: 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Simpkins, Academic Senate President (on behalf of Secretary/Treasurer Matthew Flummer)

**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.*