**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: February 11, 2022**

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

II. Roll Call:

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

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

Guests:

III. The agenda was approved \*(M-S-P, Bret Davis, Patty Serrato).

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

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Scholar of the Year Proposal – the workgroup has a draft ready of the new proposal. Part of it is to create a panel of five from the Senate to select the award recipient. We have over $6k in the scholar of the year account.
	1. Motion to approve the proposal \*(M-S-P, Miles Vega, Elizabeth Buchanan)
2. State of Emergency/DE – Thad requested that we (Senate and Curriculum) extend the state of emergency through the fall so that courses without a DE addendum could continue online. Curriculum Committee approved the following language as an alternative:
	1. Modification of Curriculum Handbook to add language, “When scheduling has occurred in a state of emergency, all courses and sections scheduled can be done with the anticipation that the following scheduling cycle could still be a state of emergency thereby permitting instructional modality to occur as scheduled. Additionally, any sections added to previous scheduled semesters are also permitted to be modified with the intended optional modality.”
	2. Modification of Emergency DE addendums to allow for flexibility in modalities to occur when we are in a state of emergency or for individual instructors to modify their modality if they have been directed by the Human Resources not to come to campus.
3. PC GE Pattern – Curriculum approved the new pattern, the only thing left is to implement it.
4. Strategic Enrollment Management CCCCO Program – many schools have the people that do the scheduling do the training, Administration is seeking volunteers to participate; off-contract compensation (stipend) has not been clarified
5. Program Review – this is a 10+1 issue. At PC it is handled outside the senate. It seems like there needs to be more Senate involvement. Perhaps one option is to have the faculty that are on the committee report to the senate. Also, getting admin perspective before we rank new faculty positions would be a good idea. Another idea is to have divisions report key parts of the program review to the senate.
6. Faculty Professional Development – Robert sent out a draft document outlining a new program for a more flexible flex. This is also a 10+1 issue so the Senate needs to take the lead. The proposal calls for a Senate subcommittee to take the lead on this. Senate reps should take to their divisions for review and report back.
7. Retiree Recognition – They have the recognition luncheon - should the senate do something too? We also need to make sure that the retirees know that their emails become nonfunctional but they can submit for a new retiree email address.
8. PC Academic Senate Logo –
	1. Motion to approve the academic senate logo \*(M-S-P, Sarah Rector, Richelle Syrdahl)
9. New Faculty Positions – no new information
10. Division Chairs Elections – Miles has emailed all the division that are up having new chairs.
11. Faculty Building Access – we may have more success improving access if we can show that the current policies are negatively impacting our ability to do our jobs.

VI. Reports

1. Friday afternoon labs have begun!
2. Groundbreaking for the health careers building 2/24 at 3:30pm
3. Commencement will most likely be on the baseball diamond.

VII. Adjourn: 9:48

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.*