

**Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes: December 13, 2024**

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- I. Rebecca Baird called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.
- II. Roll Call, Introduction of New Members, Proxy Members, and Invited Guests:
Voting Members: Rebecca Baird (President); Rickelle Syrdahl (Secretary, Natural Science); James Thompson, Proxy (Fine & Applied Arts); Jim Carson (Career Education); Lupe Guillen (Health Careers); Dave Kavern (Kinesiology); Joy Lawrence (Language Arts); Miguel Ruelas (Math); Ana Ceballos (Student Services); Cody Ridenour, Proxy (Adjunct Faculty Representative)
Advisory/Non-Voting Members: Sherie Burgess (President-Elect) Robert Simpkins (Past President); Joy Lawrence (Distance Education Committee); Samuel Perez (Classified Staff Representative); Matthew Moreno (Student Representative);
Guests: Elisa Queenan; Chris Ebert
Absent: Sarah Rector (Vice-President); Vira Lozano (Social Science); Kendra Haney (PC Foundation); Dustin Acres (Curriculum); Melissa Long (Outcomes); Ben Makino (OER/ZTWC); Jeff Keele (CCA)
- III. The agenda was approved *(M-S-P, Jim Carson, Dave Kavern).
- IV. The 11/15/24 minutes were approved *(M-S-P, Jim Carson, Ana Ceballos)
- V. Public Comments
 1. None
- VI. Installation of Academic Senate President-Elect
- VII. Update from President Monarrez
 1. Sent out a message about support for worries about possible deportation. Planning for possible issues in Spring. Federal Programs are up in the air. No lists, not identifying anyone.
 2. Planning on a Budget and a Safety Forum in Spring.
- VIII. Discussion/Action Items:
 1. Suggested Draft Resolution/Statement of Support for PC Students (move up to #1)
 - a. Want students to know they are supported and we want them to finish their education. Career Education wrote a letter and brought to Senate to open discussion and see if there is something we can do. Want to have a plan in place before things happen. Discussion occurred. Senators should take back to Divisions and encourage unofficially.
 - b. Motion to have Rebecca draft a letter of support for Divisions to review at Flex Division Meetings and discuss/vote on at Special Senate Meeting on the 17th. *(M-S-P, Miguel Ruelas, James Thompson).
 2. Draft of Recommended AI Policies for Syllabi

- a. Take back to Divisions for feedback. AI panel at flex. Programs students run through ChatGPT. Get ready for Debbie to send out as options for your syllabi.
- 3. Chancellor Focus Group Work Plan
 - a. Campus Presidents are tasked with creating workplans for addressing these issues identified in focus groups. Will receive draft during break. Some of the primary problems identified are Toxicity in the Workplace, Communication Practices, Infrastructure: Policy and Procedures, Hiring and Retention, Safety
- 4. New Distance Ed RSI Rubric and Form
 - a. Distance Ed Committee brought forward Rubric from ACCJC, giving 5 options for RSI, asking to do 2 out of 5 once a semester.
- 5. Testing Center Requirements for Faculty
 - a. Discussion of new policy for requirement of exam and form by 5:00pm previous day. Take to Divisions for discussion. Maybe can come up with something more flexible or equitable.
- 6. Commencement Food/Platform Party
 - a. Table
- 7. Spring Senate Meeting Dates
 - a. Move February 14th (Lincoln Day Holiday) meeting to Feb 7th. The rest fine.
- 8. Senate Spring Break Survey
 - a. Send out 2nd week of spring semester. Check into if should add Burton. Motion to send survey as modified *(M-S-P, James Thompson, Lupe Guillen).
- 9. International Program
 - a. Table – talk to divisions

IX. Reports

- 1. Senate President – Need a new student rep as Matthew is graduating. Term will run until May; 25/26 calendar is now posted to our website; Per the VC of Ed Services the 26/27 should be done over break and ready for Senate to vote on in Spring; Chancellor forum on Tuesday – extending interim pres. contract 6 more months, as well as the other interim positions that had to be filled. He cited the need for a new perm CFO, some reorg in HR, accreditation looming, and the need for him to spend time with the perm president and help onboard. So new President search slated to begin Jan 2026. Hiring committee will form in late spring and the advertisement will go out early Fall. There were questions about the possible dismantling of the Dept of Ed, about statements of support for our students, and more faculty FON related to dual enrollment programs; CSU Sac is challenging our Modern Policing BA program; Board meeting is moved to next Thursday Dec 19; Campus holiday party and cookie decorating was fun; Thad's holiday party was nice, lots of faculty there.
- 2. Curriculum – none
- 3. Distance Education - none
- 4. Outcomes – none
- 5. Equivalency – none
- 6. OER/ZTC – none
- 7. Honor's Program - none

8. Career Education – none
9. Fine and Applied Arts – Lots of concerts
10. Health Careers – First Fall nursing pinning tomorrow at 6:00pm.
11. Kinesiology – Basketball tournament during break.
12. Language Arts - none
13. Mathematics – none
14. Natural Sciences - none
15. Social Sciences – none
16. Student Services – none
17. Adjunct Faculty – none
18. Classified Staff - none
19. Student Representative – Thank you.
20. CCA – none
21. Dual Enrollment Liaison - none
22. Guided Pathways – Guided Pathways Academy Jan 13-14
23. PC Foundation – none

X. Future Agenda Items

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- b.

XI. Adjourn: 9:41

Respectfully Submitted,

Rickelle Syrdahl, 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.*