

**Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes:**

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- I. Rebecca Baird called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.
- II. Roll Call, Introduction of New Members, Proxy Members, and Invited Guests:
Voting Members: Rebecca Baird (President); Sarah Rector (Vice-President, Fine & Applied Arts); Rickelle Syrdahl (Secretary, Natural Science); Lupe Guillen (Health Careers); Dave Kavern (Kinesiology); Joy Lawrence (Language Arts); Vira Lozano (Social Science); Miguel Ruelas (Math); Ana Ceballos (Student Services);
Advisory/Non-Voting Members: Robert Simpkins (Past President); President-Elect, Sherie Burgess; Dustin Acres (Curriculum); Joy Lawrence (Distance Education Committee);
Guests: none
Absent: Jim Carson (Career Education); Marley Wynn (Adjunct Faculty Representative); Kendra Haney (PC Foundation); Melissa Long (Outcomes); Ben Makino (OER/ZTC); Samuel Perez (Classified Staff Representative); Vacant (Student Representative); Jeff Keele (CCA)
- III. The agenda was approved *(M-S-P, Sarah Rector, Ana Ceballos).
- IV. The 12/13/24 minutes were approved *(M-S-P, Lupe Guillen, Joy Lawrence)
- V. Public Comments
 1. None
- VI. Discussion/Action Items:
 1. Workplace Culture Survey and Focus Group Workplan Feedback
 - a. The work plan was discussed and feedback was given directly to President Monarrez on several items.
 2. 2026/27 and 2027/28 District Academic Calendars Feedback
 - a. Discussion and feedback occurred.
 3. Academic Senate Student Rep
 - a. Serenity Higareda is Rebecca's suggestion for our new student representative.
 4. Scholar of the Year Date and Plan
 - a. April 25th is the best date to avoid the Scholarship Ceremony. We were thinking just desserts this year due to problems with getting food out early enough and many leftovers. We likely have enough pins and folders leftover. Discussion occurred about possibly giving cords too. Please email Rebecca if willing to help.
 5. Assigning Courses to Disciplines
 - a. Much discussion, but no decisions. Discussion will continue.
 6. Recommended AI Policies for Syllabi
 - a. Tabled. Bring feedback.
 7. Senate Spring Break Survey
 - a. The survey is ready to go and will be sent out next week.

8. Final Revised Draft of Statement of Support
 - a. Attached. This went out to students Tuesday of this week. Also posted on Senate cabinet page and sent to faculty.
9. Testing Center Requirements for Faculty
 - a. Reminder of issues and short discussion. One more meeting to discuss more with divisions and bring back input.
10. International Program.
 - a. Discussion occurred. Language Arts is “all in”. Kinesiology is worried about support requirements. Natural Science is worried about support and going too quickly. Student Service and Vira hope it will align to sports. Discussion that more money would be coming in which would help pay for more support.

VII. Reports

1. Senate President– On 12/19 Rebecca met with reps from the CCCCCO and Thad and Prima and Jeff Jacobs and the CSU people to talk over the BA program. The two programs have now been sent to a 3rd party for review for duplication; Dec board meeting – Mike G officially released without cause, and Abe Ali is moving into a new position, but chancellor did not say what. We do have an interim VC of Human Resources, Dr. Victoria Simmons; Commencement planning is in full swing. Instead of a full dinner we’re planning lite sandwiches or snacks for faculty and Rebecca brought up the concerns many had about the platform party having the separate event in the SCCR. Those concerns are being addressed. Clear messaging about what food will be available will go out to faculty as well; Next Tuesday is the first district consultation council meeting of the year, and the senate presidents are meeting with Chancellor Bloomberg after; Elisa Queenan was appointed to the district hiring committee for the Associate Vice Chancellor of Workforce Education and Community Development; The Student Equity Plan workgroup is also being formed.
2. Curriculum – Common Course numbering funds to pay for work. No templates available yet. 20 courses impacting 42 degrees.
3. Distance Education – Copy Leaks not loaded yet. Issues with Discussion on Canvas being worked on.
4. Outcomes – none
5. Equivalency – none
6. OER/ZTC – more money coming; need to meet and discuss specifics.
7. Honor’s Program - none
8. Career Education – none
9. Fine and Applied Arts – none
10. Health Careers – none
11. Kinesiology – Basketball is midseason, Spring sports starting up. Baseball on Tuesday.
12. Language Arts - none
13. Mathematics – none
14. Natural Sciences - none
15. Social Sciences – none

16. Student Services – Registration ongoing, lifting probation hold ran into a problem with a glitch that cleared all holds and then was fixed and students back on hold again.
17. Adjunct Faculty – none
18. Classified Staff - none
19. Student Representative - none
20. CCA – none
21. Dual Enrollment Liaison – meeting cancelled; email was sent to high school partners.
22. Guided Pathways – Pathways Academy occurred on the 14th and 15th with a number of new faculty and lots of support staff; discussion about making it part of a permanent onboarding for faculty.
23. PC Foundation – none

VIII. Adjourn: 9:37

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.*