**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: October, 23 2020**

I. Miles Vega called the meeting to order at 8:02.

II. Roll Call:

Voting Members: Miles Vega, President; Jeff Keele, Past President; Kathryn Benander, Vice President; Matthew Flummer, Secretary-Treasurer; Rickelle Syrdahl, Sarah Rector, David Kavern, Patty Serrato, Stephanie Cortez, Miguel Ruelas

Non Voting Members: Joel Wiens, Rebecca Baird, Richard Goode

Guests:

III. The agenda was approved as amended \*(M-S-P, David Kavern, Kathryn Benander).

IV. The minutes were approved as amended \*(M-S-P, Jeff Keele, Sarah Rector).

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Guided Pathways: Concern that faculty voices aren’t being heard; seems like this is “top-down”; curriculum committee has not been consulted even though it is clearly a curricular issue
2. Staff Development: Concern that faculty voices aren’t being heard; our last staff development coordinator had his hands tied by the previous administration; we need a stronger voice from faculty in this area
   1. Did Jeff Keele get replaced on the staff development committee?
3. Faculty positions: We have four faculty that have retired plus Chris Roach suddenly retired in August – these should all be replaced
   1. Position requests are due today
   2. Presentations will be next week
   3. Emeritus status:
      1. Carmen Martin should be considered for emeritus status
      2. Should we have a more fair and equitable process?
      3. Discussion of Dave Hensley for emeritus
4. Course Substitution
5. Budget: everything is about a month behind because the state hasn’t been giving information; overall, we’re looking pretty good budget-wise
   1. RE core of the core: we have 77 faculty and 20 admin – we’ve been asked how to cut our divisions, but a question we should also ask is how can we cut administration?
      1. Why is it that every time we get a new director position, the workload of division chair goes up?
6. Computer access for students (update) – we are out of laptops for students to borrow and now there’s a waitlist, we still have mi-fi’s and hotspots available
7. Social justice: Miles brought up Huck Finn at the social justice committee meeting a healthy discussion ensued;
8. Flex Agenda (suggestions): we’re attempting to get both in-house and out of house speakers – suggestions are welcome
   1. eLumen training has been requested
   2. Navigate too
9. New executive members: requests for nominations have been made
10. Add Codes: BC Senate will probably reject them; CCA is concerned with faculty workload; concerns with more instructor error; concerns about fairness because faculty might play favorites; plus our current system seems to be working fine; students don’t check email, so sending students an email telling them to add the class is a problem waiting to happen
    1. The issue seems to be cost; admin seems to want to save money without considering other issues
11. Dual enrollment: recommendations from last sub-committee – we should discuss it in senate first, then send it to the CCA
    1. There’s no written policy, it would be a good idea to have something

VI. Reports

1. Senate president release time: discussion with Dr. Habib has stalled
2. Curriculum has a lot of work to do in the next few meetings
3. Foundation: smart lab person has been furloughed; scholarships people have been doing great work
   1. How will scholarship be funded now that the swap-meet is closed; it will, however, be moved to the fairgrounds

VIII. Adjourn: 9:38

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.*