**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: September 24, 2021**

I. Miles Vega called the meeting to order at 8:03am.

II. Roll Call:

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

Non Voting Members: Rebecca Baird, Melissa Long, Joel Weins

Guests: Stephanie Olmedo-Hinde

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

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

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Transfer Center Fair – they need help promoting and getting ideas for doing it. They also want faculty to wear alumni gear. It’s on October 21. From 10-12 there’s a virtual open booth. From 1-5 there’s workshops and webinars. The platform is called discord. There will be raffles to increase student involvement.
2. Proposed change to Board Policy language and administrative procedure regarding credit for courses from 4-yr institutions to clarify the language and allow for some autonomy at the local level. This would allow us to make our own policy here at PC. Motion to support the proposed change \*(M-S-P, Miguel Ruelas, Sarah Rector)
3. Faculty Emeritus Proposal revision – Some of the language was added to make sure that divisions know when one of their faculty is nominated, language was also added to allow for nominations of faculty that were inadvertently omitted, language allowing the Senate to vote on nominees during the fall semester.
   1. We should add major events of the emeritus procedure to the Academic Senate calendar, including bringing nominees to the senate
   2. Motion to approve the revision - \*(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Sarah Rector)
4. PSEC Membership changes – needs to replace Terry Crewse and they want a math faculty but it might be ok to have one from that pathway
5. Academic Senate Calendar draft – general calendar structure to make it clear the time-sensitive items that need to be addressed by the Senate.
6. BC Intercession proposal – BC is trying to get all the colleges to do a winter intercession. Bob has been asked to be in a meeting on 10/5 to discuss this. Perhaps we should move the Spring semester forward a week?
7. New Faculty position requests – the paperwork is due by 10/4, the Senate will meet on 10/8 for presentations, then we vote during the next meeting
8. Areas to review for fall
   1. Medals of distinction criteria/procedure
   2. Scholar of the year criteria/procedure
9. Fall task force updates
   1. Professional development – we need more faculty voices and less administrative voices; what faculty might be interested in participating?
      1. There are three new innovation centers but no teaching and learning center?
      2. Informing is not the same as shared governance. These things need to go through the senate.
   2. Academic integrity
   3. OER/ZTC
10. Guided pathways update

VI. Reports

1. CCA - They extended the Brown act to allow us to meet virtually.
2. Senate President - Bob won’t be able to attend the plenary session on the 4th. If anyone wants to attend, let him know.
3. College council - free speech areas – what’s our policy? For non-PC people, what are the procedures for coming on campus and speaking?
4. Student services is focused on completing ed plans; they’re getting lots of referrals regarding progress reports.
5. Foundation – stadium remodel is starting and also the swap meet is moving back to the college.
6. Please invite counselors to division meetings.

VIII. Adjourn: 9:39am

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.*