**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: February, 25 2022**

I. Robert Simpkins called the meeting to order at 8:01.

II. Roll Call:

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

Non Voting Members: Rebecca Baird, Melissa Long, Dustin Acres

Guests: Thad Russell, Jonathan Miranda

III. The agenda was approved as amended \*(M-S-P, Miguel Ruelas, Elizabeth Buchanan).

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

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)/A&R - Jonathan Miranda began the discussion with a history, definition, and benefits of CPL. Both at the district level and at PC, we’re developing procedures and policies regarding CPL. CTE and Health Careers have already been developing course lists and evaluation methods. PC is also participating in the Military Articulation Platform.
2. Tenured Faculty Update – Congratulations to Stephanie Cortez and others who were approved for tenure.
3. Senate Executive Committee Composition – BC has a Senate seat for every faculty co-chair, but PC doesn’t. One of the values of something like this is awareness and communication. That would include the faculty co-chairs from budget, guided pathways, etc. CC has additional adjunct representatives. Our executive committee doesn’t have regular meetings at this point in time. Also, it might be a good idea to expand the executive committee. Perhaps the curriculum chair or others might be good to add.
4. Faculty Professional Development Proposal – tabled to next meeting
5. Division Chairs Elections – this process should be finished by next week
6. Faculty Building Access – no new progress
7. Winter Intersession – a meeting at the district level took place and BC is pushing this forward. There is a concern that this needs to be something that everyone can agree on.
8. OER/ZTC – the plan has started to spread student awareness, to spread awareness and increase OER/ZTC adoption among faculty, and to have a plan for a presentation at FLEX day. The team has also been working with Thad and Reagen about funding for faculty to develop/adopt OER/ZTC. Science faculty need more information about how to change OER resources.
9. Distinguished Students Update – The draft of the new policy will go out to all faculty. We need to make sure to reserve a room to have the reception with the distinguished students and faculty. To do this, we need to pick a date. Perhaps April 29th would work.
10. Bachelor’s degrees – it must be something that isn’t offered at a local 4-year and one that we could actually teach that would benefit students in our service area. A couple of options are modern policing, forensic psychology or applied education. Perhaps we need a clear process for the addition of new programs that includes Senate.

VI. Reports

1. Senate President: Robert met with Dr. Habib this week. They discussed the Mackenzie Scott Foundation task force, she has been working with the foundation, the group will be meeting to discuss what might be done with the money.
	1. Robert shared with the board of trustees about the presentation at the Achieving the Dream Conference by Robert, Reagen, and Melissa.
	2. The board of trustee meetings are livestreamed on the KCCD website if anyone wants to watch.
2. Student Services: The job fair task force needs some faculty to participate. Please reach out to Reagen if you’re interested.
	1. Strategic enrollment management program application was submitted. It is unclear which faculty are involved.
3. Health Careers: groundbreaking ceremony took place yesterday.
4. Kinesiology: Baseball has home games today and tomorrow against COS.
5. Student Services: has the PC connection coming up. It is unknown whether it will be in person or virtual. Also, the March Ahead event is next month which targets students that don’t currently have an ed plan.
6. Curriculum: had new hospitality courses come through, new Kinesiology courses were approved, and a new computer graphics course has been put forward.
7. Guided Pathways: committee redefined their charge to reflect the work they were doing.

VII. Adjourn: 9:42

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.*