**Porterville College Academic Senate APPROVED**

**Minutes: March 25, 2022**

I. Robert Simpkins called the meeting to order at 8:07.

II. Roll Call:

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

Non-Voting Members: Rebecca Baird, Dustin Acres, Melissa Long, Joel Wiens

Guests: Thad Russell

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

IV. The minutes were tabled to the next meeting \*(M-S-P, Miguel Ruelas, Patty Serrato).

V. Discussion/Action Items:

1. ASCCC Career and Noncredit Education Institute – There may be money to attend for any faculty who are interested.
2. Senate and Executive Board Composition – ASCCC suggested that all Senates have a legislative liaison to keep track of what’s going on in the state legislature and how it affects the college. BC has a State Academic Senate delegate. Some Senates have subcommittees that do things like review sabbaticals or review tenure. Many schools include appointed chairs of committees as non-voting members of the senate. Our region also suggested having a classified rep on the senate.
3. Faculty Professional Development Proposal – the proposal has been shared with administration. There was a concern about how much work this will create for the faculty. While that is true, it also gives us more control over our own professional development. Also, there are funds available that need to be spent and one of the things that they could be spent on is faculty professional development. It must be spent by June 30. Robert suggested forming an ad hoc committee to brainstorm how to spend this money. The idea put forward by the administration is to do a faculty workshop in the summer.
4. Teaching Innovation Center Proposal – This is still a work in progress and there is still uncertainty about staffing. Also, some of this won’t be possible until enrollment increases back to normal levels. Some were concerned that the proposal was mostly online rather than a physical space on campus.
5. State of Emergency/Brown Act Meeting Requirement – The state of emergency expires this month. We can possibly extend locally, if we declare a state of emergency. But we decided not to declare a state of emergency.
6. Faculty Building Access – discussions are ongoing
7. Winter Intersession – CC’s Academic Senate passed a resolution opposing any changes to the academic calendar. So, any winter intercession would have to fit the existing calendar. BC is still gathering data and trying to push this forward.
8. Distinguished Students Award Ceremony – We have the cafeteria reserved for April 29th. We still need to choose the students.
9. OER/ZTC

VI. Reports

1. Senate President –.The board of trustees meeting on April 14th will recognize faculty emeritus status. There’s going to be some high level searches that are starting late. The PC connection event is coming up and we need volunteers to meet students coming on campus for the first time. Commencement has been moved to the stadium. Chancellor’s seminar this week was an effort to improve the linkages between faculty across the district.
2. Curriculum – Commercial Art is doing a revision for a new course, Kinesiology is revamping track and field, Biology is renumbering their courses, new DE language is almost done, catalog is a big topic, we are not creating an online one, just a printed one.
3. Distance Education - No Report
4. Outcomes - No Report
5. CTE – No Report
6. Fine and Applied Arts
7. Health Careers - No Report
8. Kinesiology – hired a new Women’s Soccer Coach
9. Language Arts - No Report
10. Mathematics – No Report
11. Natural Sciences - No Report
12. Social Sciences - No Report
13. Student Services – PC connection is happening April 6-7 in-person. This is the first time in 2 years for it to be not online. Progress reports go out on April 11th.
14. CCA - No Report
15. Guided Pathways – No Report
16. PC Foundation – April 22 is the scholarship ceremony, we need faculty to help hand out awards. There are fewer students in K-12 now, so that will affect colleges’ future enrollment.

VII. Adjourn: 9:35

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.*