

**Porterville College Academic Senate  
Minutes:**

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- I. Rebecca Baird called the meeting to order at 8:05 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); Jim Carson (Career Education); Lupe Guillen (Health Careers); Dave Kavern (Kinesiology); Joy Lawrence (Language Arts); Vira Lozano (Social Science); Miguel Ruelas (Math); Ana Ceballos (Student Services); Marley Wynn (Adjunct Faculty Representative)  
Advisory/Non-Voting Members: Robert Simpkins (Past President); President-Elect, Sherie Burgess; Dustin Acres (Curriculum); Joy Lawrence (Distance Education Committee); Melissa Long (Outcomes); Samuel Perez (Classified Staff Representative); Serenity Higareda (Student Representative)  
Guests: none  
Absent: Kendra Haney (PC Foundation); Ben Makino (OER/ZTC); Jeff Keele (CCA)
- III. The agenda was approved \*(M-S-P, Sarah Rector, Lupe Guillen).
- IV. The 2/28/25 minutes were approved \*(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Jim Carson)
- V. Public Comments
  1. None
- VI. Discussion/Action Items:
  1. Curriculum Multi-Discipline Process Proposal
    - a. Discussion occurred.
    - b. Motion to approve Curriculum Multiple Disciplines in COR Proposal with Timing Proposal 2 made by Rickelle Syrdahl and seconded by Jim Carson; Dave Kavern voted no; (Sarah Rector, Vira Lozano, Lupe Guillen, Joy Lawrence, Marley Wynn, Miguel Ruelas, Ana Ceballos, Rickelle Syrdahl, and Jim Carson voted yes.
  2. Distance Ed Program Review
    - a. Discussion occurred.
  3. Faculty Ranking process for Separations/Non-Renewals
    - a. Kinesiology thinks it should only be for 2 years, document says 4 years. Should we combine this with the document on our ranking process in general? Possibility for 1 year temp? Most feel like 4 years is the appropriate commitment. Motion to table and take back to Divisions. \*(M-S-P, Vira Lozano, Ana Ceballos)
  4. Senate Spring Break Survey
    - a. Discussion. Talked about Fall Break. If take whole week at Thanksgiving must start a week earlier. BC totally against this. Talked about Good Friday off and/or Monday after but those mean extra days added to semester.

5. Distinguished Student/Scholar of the Year Awards Planning
  - a. Not much new since last meeting. Cord color needs to be chosen – Silver?, Red and black? White?
6. Testing Center Policies
  - a. Talking with Reagen Dozier, sent all concerns to Reagen and Samuel, cancellation policy designed with student in mind. Working with them. Exceptions could be made with extenuating circumstances. Reagen is working on exam security. Faculty can always oversee own exams. Email day before if not coming until morning of but this would be the exception not the rule.
7. Flexible Flex Plan
  - a. Talked more with Primavera Monarrez, wants to take to PAC and will discuss more after.

## VII. Reports

1. Senate President – Caring Campus asking to make a more formal committee and would like to give out a monthly award, highlight a caring individual in the newsletter; Plan to move the Innovation Centers to Commons A and some offices out to the current Innovation Centers buildings; this will go through a Facilities meeting and College Council. There is concern over the impact of the loss of Commons A. The proposal will be presented at the next Senate Meeting; faculty hiring committees are formed and moving forward; new badge request process will be presented at the next Senate Meeting; Rebecca will be meeting with the VC of HR to discuss numerous HR issues, if anyone has others, email Rebecca; Several faculty received tenure; business cards with information on how to handle ICE on front table.
2. Curriculum – none
3. Distance Education – Copy Leaks training coming up; discussion about keeping or getting rid of Grammarly.
4. Outcomes – about half of the Divisions have had or scheduled Outcomes Fests for the Spring semester. If your Division has not yet done so, please plan one.
5. Equivalency – none
6. OER/ZTC – none
7. Honor's Program - none
8. Career Education – High School Junior Day went well, please help out Tamara with comments and concerns.
9. Fine and Applied Arts – none
10. Health Careers – none
11. Kinesiology – none
12. Language Arts – please check out all the new Library swag.
13. Mathematics – Math Battle last week went well; Monache won the high school level and Burton Middle School won the middle school level.
14. Natural Sciences - none
15. Social Sciences – none
16. Student Services – none
17. Adjunct Faculty – none
18. Classified Staff - none

19. Student Representative – ongoing discussions about the diploma issues and with Giselda about security.
20. CCA – none
21. Dual Enrollment Liaison – none
22. Staff Development Committee – discussed Flex and the SDC involvement; possible breakout sessions; discussions about ability to participate districtwide if we instate some sort of flexible Flex with the other colleges.
23. Guided Pathways – wrapping up for the year with draft document on adult learners, including college-wide input collected this year; If divisions want any purchases for Welcome Day, need to let committee know by end of March.
24. PC Foundation – none

VIII. Future Agenda Items

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IX. Adjourn: 9:36 am

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.*