

**Porterville College Academic Senate  
Minutes: October 27, 2023**

- I. Rebecca Baird called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.
- II. Roll Call, Introduction of New Members, Proxy Members, and Invited Guests:  
Voting Members: Rebecca Baird (President); Sarah Rector (Vice-President & Fine and Applied Arts); Rickelle Syrdahl (Secretary-Treasurer & Natural Science); Robert Simpkins (Past President); 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), Jacqueline Escareno Salas (Adjunct Faculty Representative)  
Advisory/Non-Voting Members: Joel Wiens (PC Foundation), Joy Lawrence (CCA/Distance Education Committee) Melissa Long (Outcomes)  
Guests: none  
Absent: Dustin Acres (Curriculum), Ben Makino (OER/ZTC)
- III. The agenda was approved \*(M-S-P, Sarah Rector, Dave Kavern). Amended to add new item \*(M-S-P, Joy Lawrence, Dave Kavern)
- IV. The 9/8/23 minutes were approved \*(M-S-P, Sarah Rector, Miguel Ruelas)  
The 9/22/23 minutes were approved \*(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Dave Kavern)  
The 10/13/23 minutes were approved \*(M-S-P, Jackie Escareno, Joy Lawrence)
- V. Public Comments
  1. None
- VI. Discussion/Action Items:
  1. New Faculty Hiring Ranking
    - a. Presentation of two versions of rankings– alphabetical order to check numbers, order of rankings. Corrections of errors.
    - b. Discussion
    - c. Motion to send rankings to Dr. Habib with color-blocked designations of faculty hiring priorities \*(M-S-P, Joy Lawrence, Miguel Ruelas)
  2. Senate Constitution and By-Laws Approval
    - a. Discussion of additional change.
    - b. Motion to put forward for a vote to faculty. \*(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Lupe Guillen)
  3. CTE name change to CE starting Spring 2024
    - a. Determined this requires voting in senate and informational in College Council
    - b. Motion to change Career Technology Education (CTE) to Career Education (CE) with usage beginning Spring 24 \*(M-S-P, Lupe Guillen, Miguel Ruelas)
  4. New Academic Senate President Election

- a. Traditionally elect in November, but have only one meeting in November. Can run election in November, nominations of candidates, election and will have results by first meeting in December.

VII. Reports

1. Senate President – Can get new keycards now- access the pdf through Quick Links, PDF Forms. Can't get 24-hour access but can get common sense after-hours access. Must be submitted by a chair/supervisor. The old cards will not be deactivated. New cards have security number on the back; CCA library committee for Librarian evaluation form review and need a Librarian appointed; Joel Wiens to be bookstore task force rep; AB1705 funds available for conferences, etc. Check with your deans if applicable, Math, Eng, ESL; Room T103 has been cleaned up and updated; attended board meeting, gave report and noted that we need more full-time faculty; DRC's 1 year temp hiring committee finished, A&R; Staff Development committee reestablished with Ana Ceballos, John Olmos, Robert Simpkins, and Sherie Burgess; Facilities and Planning Committee is re-starting under Cameron, division chairs were appointed to that; Banner 9 rollout with chairs as beta-testers; Dr. Habib meeting with Jeff Keele, discussed fire drill; getting Narcan on campus in first aid kits coming and training; UGS (bookstore) now aware of restocking fee. Plenary is Nov. 16-18.
2. Curriculum – none
3. Distance Education – there is a push to free-up transcripts to send to student's home campus as soon as grades are finalized.
4. Outcomes – please push Outcomes Fest for divisions.
5. Career Education – none
6. Fine and Applied Arts – none
7. Health Careers – none
8. Kinesiology – Men's basketball home scrimmage today.
9. Language Arts - none
10. Mathematics – none
11. Natural Sciences – Interacted with and gave information sheets to many students on High School Senior day.
12. Social Sciences – none
13. Student Services – Financial Aid Night is coming up next week.
14. Adjunct – Instructional adjuncts will get raise on new contract; not counselors or librarians. Hope to bring this back up with next negotiation.
15. CCA – incident .8m from campus and no notification. Why?
16. Guided Pathways – none
17. PC Foundation – new stem grant coming; coffee trailer waiting on the health department; Mackenzie Scott funds being used for conversion of classrooms into other uses; updated gallery is bringing in more artists.

VIII. Adjourn: 10:02 a.m.

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.*