

**Porterville College Academic Senate  
Minutes: October 13, 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); Rickelle Syrdahl (Secretary-Treasurer); Jim Carson (CE), 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: Joy Lawrence (CCA/Distance Education Committee), Melissa Long (Outcomes)  
Guests:  
Absent: Robert Simpkins (Past President); Joel Wiens (PC Foundation), Dustin Acres (Curriculum), Ben Makino (OER/ZTC)
- III. The agenda was approved \*(Joy Lawrence, Lupe Guillen M-S-P).
- IV. Public Comments
  1. None
- V. Discussion/Action Items:
  - A. New Faculty Position Request Presentations:
    1. Natural Science – Kendra Haney
      - a. Physical Science
      - b. Biology
    2. Career Education – Elisa Queenan
      - a. Business
      - b. Welding
    3. Fine and Applied Arts
      - a. Art – Animation Game Design – Ethan Hartsell & Diran Lyons
      - b. Art – Art History – Diran Lyons
    4. Health Careers – Elizabeth Keele
      - a. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
      - b. Psychiatric Technician
    5. Kinesiology – Dave Kavern  
Kinesiology/Head Coach
    6. Language Arts – Melissa Long
      - a. English (x3)
      - b. American Sign Language (ASL)
    7. Mathematics Ian Onizuka
      - a. Mathematics (x4)
    8. Social Science
      - a. History – Leslie Pelon

- b. Sociology – Karen Bishop
- c. Sociology – Rising Scholars – Karen Bishop
- 9. Student Services – Stephanie Olmedo-Hinde
  - a. Disability Resource Center Counselor
- B. Question & Answer session
  - a. Several questions were asked and answered at the end of the presentations.

VI. Adjourn: 9:33

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.*