

**Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes: September 8, 2023**

- I. Rebecca Baird called the meeting to order at 8:02 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); Robert Simpkins (Past President); 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: Joel Wiens (PC Foundation), Joy Lawrence (CCA/Distance Education Committee) Melissa Long (Outcomes
Guests: Claudia Habib, Diran Lyon, Tamara Warren
Absent: Dustin Acres, Ben Makino
- III. The agenda was approved *(M-S-P, Dave Kavern , Lupe Guillen).
- IV. The 5/12/23 minutes were approved *(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Sarah Rector); The 8/17/23 minutes were approved *(M-S-P, Joel Wiens, Lupe Guillen); The 8/25/23 minutes were approved *(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Ana Ceballos).
- V. Public Comments
 1. None
- V. Discussion/Action Items:
 1. John Reid Funds for CHAP speaker Dr. Arthur Obst (Diran Lyons)
 - a. Dr. Obst's qualifications were explained and along with his topic of the ethics of the Anthropocene. The stipend would cover travel, lodging, and food.
 - b. John Reid funds were approved *(M-S-P, Jim Carson, Joy Lawrence)
 2. John Reid Funds for CHAP speaker Dr. Ron Graziani (Diran Lyons)
 - a. Dr. Graziani's qualifications and notoriety were explained and subject area of the Anthropocene and art history. His requested stipend is higher due to his notoriety.
 - b. John Reid funds were approved *(M-S-P, Lupe Guillen, Jim Carson)
 3. Invited Guest Dr. Claudia Habib – New Faculty Position Request Process Discussion
 - a. Dr. Habib discussed various factors that go into her decision and how surprises arise along the way. Mentioned were:
Accounting formulas, regional factors such as community needs, news of more available positions, new requirements (for example, the State requirement for ethnic studies), AB 705 and impact on divisional needs,

- program plans, Baccalaureate degree development, current trends, ability to use categorical funds, and the master plan.
- b. Discussion ensued relating to what factors are already known that Senate should be made aware of and factors coming up that might influence Dr. Habib's choices, including previous decisions to hire outside the Senate Faculty Hire Priority list.
4. Senior Day (Tamara Warren)
 - a. Senior Day is coming back to PC on Oct 24, Tues. Students will begin arriving at 9:30. They will then go to the Stadium for about 1 hour. Cross to a Program Resource Fair in the quad. They will have a paper lanyard to be punched. Back to stadium for subway box lunches in bleachers. Opportunity for a drawing based on hole punches in lanyard. Leave about 1:30. Contingency for rain would be inside (gym). Need faculty for Program Resource Fair from 11:30-12:30. Also, would like help with arrivals. Discussions have occurred on how to keep welcome day and Senior day distinct. Senior Day is about getting excited to come here. Questions about if this was going to be primarily resources, or more activities? No classrooms are available but open to ideas for activities out in the quad along with resources. Email Tamara with ideas divisions have.
 5. New Bookstore Vendor Issues
 - a. Talked with Maria and admin is aware of all the problems. Still have students without equipment to do skills. Requests were put forth to preorder so students can get in time. Bookstore said that wasn't possible. It can take a long time to get supplies though. Other issues: scantrons out (send to Thad to get if need). A student had to pay restocking fee to return unused book. The District is looking for solutions, but it's a slow process.
 6. Dual Enrollment Roster Issues
 - a. Rebecca and Tamara talked and working hard to rectify issues about rosters. Many issues will be solved as we move to using dualenrollment.com This is a very automatic process, but still need some permissions (counselor, parent). It will involve a lot less manual and back and forth which should speed the process up considerably.
 7. New Hire Ranking Procedure and Timeline
 - a. Time short, stick with what been doing with presentations and rankings and rethink for next year (Maybe a work group). Discussion and any adjustment after the fact. Remind divisions that rankings won't be secret ballots.

VI. Reports

1. Senate President – Senate Constitution and By-Laws were distributed; Request for faculty on Science of Teaching and Learning task force was sent; Rebecca is working with Kevin Ott on cleaning up of the Faculty Directory on the website to make information accurate and language uniform; Rebecca is disseminating information on access to webpages on the new website; site visit by Gregory Anderson; this year's Phronesis Award was given to Mike Carley in an Awards

ceremony last Wednesday; the glass case for Senate items display was cleaned up; be aware that PUSD has the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off (comment that Burton and Tulare have the whole week off); the Board meeting is at PC Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the theater, please attend if possible.

2. Curriculum – none
3. Distance Education - none
4. Outcomes – accreditation coming up and we need to get on track for this semester. Outcomes Fest options available to Divisions again.
5. OER/ZTC – meeting today
6. CE – none
7. Fine and Applied Arts – none
8. Health Careers – none
9. Kinesiology – Soccer home game next Tuesday 9/12
10. Language Arts - none
11. Mathematics – none
12. Natural Sciences - none
13. Social Sciences – none
14. Student Services – none
15. Adjunct Faculty - none
16. CCA – contract has been finalized and negotiators are reviewing it. We expect it to be sent to faculty for review soon.
17. Guided Pathways – Welcome day approved for next year. Begin planning and try to have details worked out before the summer break.
18. PC Foundation – none

VII. Future Agenda Items

- a. New Hiring Ranking Procedure

VIII. Adjourn: 9:35 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.*