

**Porterville College Academic Senate  
Minutes: August 25, 2023**

- 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); 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), Dustin Acres (Curriculum), Joy Lawrence (CCA/Distance Education Committee) Melissa Long (Outcomes)  
Guests: none  
Absent: Ben Makino
- III. The agenda was approved \*(M-S-P, Dave Kavern, Jim Carson).
- IV. Public Comments
  1. None
- V. Discussion/Action Items:
  1. New Hiring Ranking Procedures and Timeline
    - a. Usually have October presentations, Divisions ranking and then voting.
    - b. Many individuals felt the process could be improved and might correlate better with the President's final decisions if we had more information about factors that influence her decision.
    - c. Many ideas were discussed. Some were well supported, but unfeasible under the current time constraints. Ultimately the group decided to invite the President to the Sept. 8 or 22 meeting to talk about her priorities prior to presentations or ranking and to have discussions and possible changes after adding up the division rankings, due to those discussions.
  2. Committee Webpage Access
    - a. With webpage redo we lost access to our committee page.
    - b. BC Senate and Curriculum Committee delayed moving committee webpages a year to deal with this and will train over winter break.
    - c. Rebecca is working with Kevin Ott and now has access to drop our documents into a google drive to go up on the Webpage that way, but she has not tested this yet. She will email others about this option if it works out.
  3. Senate Constitution and By-Laws Revision and Election Timeline

- a. We must have 2/3 of total full-time faculty (as of the start of semester) vote, so it is very important for senate reps to encourage their division faculty to vote.
- b. Rebecca will send out, by email, the updated Constitution and By-Laws asap.
- c. The Past President will oversee the ballot using Election Buddy for the vote 2 weeks later, allowing 2 weeks to vote.

## VI. Reports

1. Senate President – Trying to work through bookstore changes; AB1705 funding for meetings; Signed off on IEPI grant for Bob Ngo (data warehouse – change in funding for resources); Signed off on form for AB1705 – Validation of Equitable Placement and Completion Practices for General Education and Non-STEM Programs (relevant parties were all involved in conversation); Met with Gregory Anderson and Senate Presidents and discussed BP and AP revisions, communication with admin/district, accessibility, faculty development opportunities, Flex, Enrollment fraud; Appointed Bob Simpkins as designee on Chancellor hiring committee; Paid membership dues; First meeting with our president next Monday.
2. Curriculum – Curriculum institute (3 additional faculty), DE updates need to occur - DEI addendum.
3. Distance Education - none
4. Outcomes – none
5. CE – hired new program director; lost ag instructor; late start on ag classes until the new instructor begins
6. Fine and Applied Arts – new Commercial Music full-time faculty hire - maybe online this semester or here Monday?
7. Health Careers – transfer of Psych Tech instructor to Nursing. Major issues with new bookstore.
8. Kinesiology – volleyball starting; concerned about adjunct pay; dual enrollment issues - rolls late
9. Language Arts - none
10. Mathematics – none
11. Natural Sciences - none
12. Social Sciences – new ethnic studies instructor, chair on leave and working on possible need for a temporary chair.
13. Student Services – lines of students – some of late start class issues; adjunct helping with extra work due to empty position.
14. CCA - none
15. Guided Pathways – First meeting on Sept 6; New pathway’s committee faculty Elisa Queenan- blue and Shaunna Callison -green; good feedback from students on Welcome Day; would like to plan ahead more for next year.
16. PC Foundation – none

- VII. Future Agenda Items
  - a. Bookstore discussion
  - b. Dual enrollment roster issues

VI. Adjourn: 9:38 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.*