

**Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes: May 12th, 2023**

- I. Robert Simpkins called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. Roll Call:
Voting Members: Robert Simpkins, (President); Rebecca Baird (President-Elect), Sarah Rector (Vice-President), Matthew Flummer (Secretary-Treasurer), Dave Kavern (Kinesiology), Elizabeth Buchanan (Language Arts), Jim Carson (CTE), Ana Ceballos (Student Services), Joel Wiens (Past President/Foundation), Jacqueline Escareno Salas (Adjunct Rep), Lupe Guillen (Health Careers), Rickelle Syrdahl (Natural Science)
Non-Voting Members: Joy Lawrence (CCA/DE), Ben Makino (ZTC/OER), Dustin Acres (Curriculum)
Guests: Ricardo Marmolejo
Absent: Miguel Ruelas (Math), Melissa Long (Outcomes)
- III. The agenda was approved as amended *(M-S-P, David Kavern, Jim Carson).
 - a. The agenda was amended “four substantial days” regarding the Social Justice Action Committee Resolution; to include the installation of new officers before adjournment; and to amend the date at the top of the agenda *(M-S-P, Joel Wiens, Sarah Rector)
- IV. The minutes from April 28th were approved *(M-S-P, Rickelle Syrdahl, Jim Carson)
- V. Public Comments
 1. None
- VI. Discussion/Action Items:
 1. Academic Senate Student Representation – The three main possibilities seem to be either having a voting student representative or having a non-voting student representative or keep the current structure with no formal role.
 - a. Proposal to add a student advisory member to the draft of the constitution *(M-S-P, Joel Wiens, Ana Ceballos) (In Favor – Sarah Rector, Matthew Flummer, Dave Kavern, Ana Ceballos, Elizabeth Buchanan, Jacqueline Escareno Salas, Lupe Guillen, Rebecca Baird, Rickelle Syrdahl. Opposed – Jim Carson)
 2. Proposed PC Academic Senate Constitution Amendments – No action taken
 3. Social Justice Action Committee Proposal for a Resolution for Recognition of Four Substantial Days –
 - a. Motion to support the Proposal *(M-S-P, Sarah Rector, Ana Ceballos)

4. ASCCC Rising Scholars Liaison –
 - a. Motion to create a local Rising Scholars Liaison to the ASCCC (Ana Ceballos, Elizabeth Buchanan)
5. Academic Senate Constitution & By-Laws Review – James Carson suggested that we create an electronic mechanism to ensure that enough faculty vote to pass the document. Sarah Rector suggested that we make sure that we discuss the importance of this in our first division meetings. The draft will be sent out and discussed in the fall.
6. Chancellor's Office Guidance for Distance Education Regulation Changes – The DE Committee is working on definitions, but it is too late for this Fall's catalogue. It is the law, so we have to figure out how to obey it. For DE courses, any place we announce the course, we have to provide preemptive information about technology that is required to take the class for every section of that class. This means that faculty must provide the relevant information to Judy. The second piece states that the plan for "regular and substantive interaction" must show up in the Course Outline of Record.
7. ASCCC Final Resolutions Packet – Nothing in the packet requires action at this time, but we need to be aware of potential changes in Chancellor's Office positions or educational legislation at the state level from these positions.
8. Summer Scheduling – In the past the Senate defined the summer schedule, but it appears it is no longer being followed by some faculty. This change to the instructional period in the summer impacts students and staff in various ways. This discussion should include A&R and M&O as well.
9. Educational Master Plan/Senate Approval – we need to approve it at the special Senate meeting during fall Flex.

VI. Reports

1. Senate President – Distinguished student ceremony on April 28th went well. Also, Bob has a box of Senate Rostrum magazines.
2. Curriculum – The changes to the local Gen Ed pattern requires looking at various degrees to make sure everything is working well.
3. Distance Education – The new rules were discussed as well as regular and substantive interaction.
4. Outcomes – No Report
5. Equivalency – No Report
6. OER/ZTC – No Report
7. CTE – 25th annual staff recognition BBQ went well.
8. Fine and Applied Arts – No Report
9. Health Careers – PT was approved for every three years with the State.
10. Kinesiology – No Report
11. Language Arts – No Report
12. Mathematics – No Report

13. Natural Sciences – Email from BC for new Bachelor’s program for Lab Tech includes some PC courses.
14. Social Sciences – Vira Lozano will be the new rep.
15. Student Services – Case management approach for Guided Pathways starts next year.
16. Adjunct Faculty – There is a scholarship for part time faculty to attend the Curriculum Institute this summer, July 12th-15th. Applications are due June 4th.
17. CCA – No Report
18. Guided Pathways – Continuing to work on Welcome Day planning. There’s a draft of guidelines for faculty that will be sent out when it is finished.
19. PC Foundation – No Report

VII. Adjourn: 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Flummer, 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.*