

**Porterville College Academic Senate Emeritus Status Nominee
Biographical Information Form**

Nominee: Joel Wiens

Title: Professor

Discipline: Biological Sciences

Division: Natural Science

Year of Retirement: 2024

Date Submitted: 4/22/24

Statement About Nominee:

Include a statement with details about the faculty Emeritus nominee's career that illustrate their service to the college and students, and any other relevant biographical details that may be used for the purpose of informing the college administration, the Board of Trustees, and the District Chancellor about the individual, and for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the careers of the retiring or retired faculty under consideration for Emeritus status. Additional documents may also be included if relevant.

Joel Wiens began his career at Porterville College in 1995. He has the "how to use email" manuals to prove it. At the time he taught biology labs and microbiology then moved on to teaching anatomy.

He began his service on campus committees almost immediately. He has been involved in almost every aspect of participatory governance, from institutional planning & review committee to the "core of the core" committees, advisor for the campus One in Christ club, serving in the president's cabinet, college learning council, academic senate as member, secretary, president; faculty foundation representative, dual enrollment liaison, PUSD pathway liaison, campus and district budget committees, many hiring committees, and as division chair.

Joel has been seemingly ubiquitous on campus. We could always count on him to volunteer to represent our division and/or college at any event, whether it be a high school night, a booth at the fair or iris festival, scholarship ceremony, art gallery opening, basketball game. He set an example for others in this way of how to be an active member of the campus community and embody school spirit, sometimes dressing as a pirate for Halloween. He even found his way to administration's office a time or two. Near Christmas time, he could be found setting up a Christmas tree in the AC building. Throughout each semester, you were most likely to find him in his classroom, of course, preparing for lectures and labs, or the conference room downstairs, setting up anatomical models and helping his students learn.

Joel loves music and took opportunities to share that with the campus and community by playing violin and/or singing for the PC orchestra's production of the Messiah many times, CHAP concerts, and other events. He was once part of a barbershop quartet with other PC faculty.

Off campus, he has been heavily involved in his church, getting away for lunch with his wife of 41 years, Colene on "wife Wednesdays," participating in the family tradition of smashing gingerbread houses at Christmas, and venturing off to San Diego to see his grandkids.

He's been a mentor to many in the natural science division, sharing his love of teaching and learning. He makes time for anyone, student or colleague. He is passionate about serving his students, following Jesus, and sharing his unmatched enthusiasm for anatomy. His most important contribution to the college was delivering high energy lectures and labs using all manners of pedagogical techniques to involve the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains of his students. He leaves a long-lasting legacy on the campus and community; PC won't be the same without him. He is beloved by his students and after nearly 30 years of teaching, one might say you can't swing a dead cat without hitting one of those former students.

List of activities:

- Foundation SMART Lab science faculty representative advising SMART Lab instructor in curriculum and purchasing. 1997 –
- Co-taught 5th and 6th grade teachers Science AIMS curriculum three 5-hr days during spring break at the college to local 5th & 6th grade teachers. (California Postsecondary Education Commission Eisenhower Project #902) 1997
- Institutional Planning & Review Committee 1996-2001
- Research for Center for Image Processing in Education (National Institute of Health grant) 1997
- Later 2000s numerous years as Liberal Studies/Science faculty educational advisor developing student education plans.
- Accreditation Standard 4 lead investigator 2000 and other accreditation positions over the years.
- President's Cabinet 2002-2006 – under President Bill Andrews
- Campus Learning Council (Senate rep) 2005-2007

- Academic published research collaborating with Porterville Developmental Center and Sierra View Hospital. “Health benefits and reductions in bacteria from enhanced oral care.” Microbiology consultant for plating and identifying microbes. 2007
- Years of judging at the Tulare County Science Fair mostly between 2005-2015.
- Some years spent as Science Fair board member.
- Academic Senate – years as a member, secretary, president, and foundation representative.
- KCCD Leadership Academy 2011-2012
- Core of the Core committee – 1st 2012, 2nd 2020
- Published as textbook reviewer McKinley & O’Loughlin Human Anatomy 4th edition McGraw Hill Publishers (2015)
- Natural Science/Mathematics Division Chair (2014-2019)
Duties included College Council committee and Enrollment Management committee
- 2009-2013 Harmony Magnet School PC Engineering Pathways PC faculty representative (tours, guidance, mock interview panels for PUSD Career Pathways)
- Health Pathway PC Faculty rep Fall 2014 – present
- Dual Enrollment Faculty Liaison Fall 2016(17) – present
- PC Faculty Foundation Representative – Spring 2015- present
- 2017-2019 faculty rep for on Campus Discipline Committee led by Diane Thompson/Sam Aunei
- Budget committee around 2019 Budget co-chair – 2020-present
- District-wide budget committee fall 2019 – present
- CAPP grant faculty lead 2018-2021 (California Academic Partnership Program)
Continued participant -2021-present
- Numerous state and region conferences: dual enrollment, academic senate, faculty advisors, Microbiology and Anatomy education, multimedia technology in education, etc.
- Numerous hiring committees
- Numerous Porterville Fair and Main Street PC informational booth events

- Participation in many KCCD hosted events at Bakersfield College or District Office
- Played violin in the orchestra of PC'S production of the Messiah many times. Also played at numerous other events for talent programs, "Music in the quad events", Springfield Jack Ass Mail Run, Phi Theta Kappa brown bag lunches, downtown Porterville Tutoring Company, other PC concerts as in Amahl and the Night Visitors, in an ensemble for the dedication of our library remodel in Oct of 2008.
- Numerous visitations and lessons on the human body provided to local elementary and middle school classes. Career Speaker.