



Pathways to Success & Equity Committee

PSEC Minutes

Tuesday, March 2, 2021
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM – Zoom

Our Mission

With students as our focus, Porterville College provides our local and diverse communities quality education that promotes intellectual curiosity, personal growth, and lifelong learning, while preparing students for career and academic success.

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Present: Primavera Arvizu, Michael Carley, Araceli Carranza, Reagen Dozier, Connie Gutierrez, Claudia Habib, Ethan Hartsell, Mary Jo Jordan and Robert Simpkins

Absent: Charlene Carrasco, Analicia Jauregui, Roger Perez and Erin Wingfield

I. New Discussion Items

a. Call to Order

Primavera Arvizu called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

b. Approval of Agenda

The 3/2/21 agenda was approved.

M/S/C: Araceli Carranza/Michael Carley

c. Approval of Minutes

The amended minutes from 2/2/21 were approved

M/S/C: Araceli Carranza/Ethan Hartsell

d. Guided Pathways Vision

Dr. Habib spoke to the committee regarding her vision for Guided Pathways.

- Currently addresses the systemic issues
- Have improved numbers and time it takes to graduate
- Inquiry Teams are working hard
- 18 months left before launching Guided Pathways to students
- Continue work and be courageous
- Equity is key to the future and success to students
- Guided Pathways is a journey
- A lot of work went into the major clusters; our language needs to align with market industry. This should be considered before PC launches to the public.
- As a college PC enrollment is down 30%
- Want to gain the confidence of students and industry leaders

e. Guided Pathways Faculty Lead

VP Arvizu introduced Robert Simpkins as the faculty lead for Guided Pathways and co-chair for PSEC.

f. Major Clusters Next Steps

The goal is when a student applies through CApply and a career assessment is completed they then get routed to a pathway.

A lot of work went into creating the clusters (several workgroups, FLEX Day presentation and vote, then a second vote); as Dr. Habib mentioned we want to align these clusters to the market sector so it makes sense to the students.

This is being brought back to the committee to reconsider the cluster names. How should the committee tackle this?

The cluster names are:

- First Responders
- Specialized Work Skills
- Educating the Future
- Saving Lives
- SySTEMs
- People-ology
- Taking Care of Business
- ESL on ramp

Dr. Simpkins stated having programs in more than one cluster is contrary to Guided Pathways and we should limit that in our clusters. He suggests a slight restructure so it is not so confusing for students. IR Director Carley has previously mentioned the committee should reconsider cluster names and to review each cluster for duplication of majors. He stated it is easier from a data point that there are not duplicated majors in the clusters. The committee continued to discussed the duplication of programs within the clusters. One main point was that not all majors fit within one degree (i.e. Communications, Liberal Arts, etc.).

The committee is being tasked with reviewing cluster names and make a recommendation; along with correcting errors. The majors/programs within the cluster will remain as is.

The committee will meet the week of March 22nd to discuss the renaming of clusters. The inquiry Completion Teams will be invited.

g. Pirate Maps Inquiry Completion Team

1. Consider renaming the Pirate Maps Inquiry Completion Teams
2. Launch completion team 3; the team will focus on cluster groups First Responders and Saving Lives. The recommended admin lead was Joe Cascio. Faculty suggestions: CTE, Health Careers, Health Careers Ed Advisor (BillyJean), Communications.

h. End of the Year Report

Tabled until April

i. Schedule Next March Meeting

VPSS Arvizu will send out a doodle poll for best date to meet the week of March 22nd. Inquiry Completion Team leads will be invited.

The doodle pool results for the best date and time to meet is Wednesday, March 24th at 1:00pm; an invite will be sent.

j. Next Steps

- Discuss how to get to scaled on Self-Assessment goals.

k. Reports - Tabled

- Data Team Update
- SEA Update
- ASPC Update

l. Announcement

- I. Old Discussion Items
- II. Future Agenda Items

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm