Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes: October 1, 2010

I. David called the meeting to order at 8:10am.

II. Roll Call: Voting members in attendance included David Bezayiff, Patrick Chan, Vickie Dugan, Sara French-Unser, Stewart Hathaway, David Hensley, Jeff Keele, Vira Lozano, Maria Roman, Beverly Ward, and Susie Williams. Richard Osborne was in attendance, representing the Porterville College Foundation (non-voting).

III. The agenda was approved as presented (M-S-P, Hathaway/French-Unser).

IV. The minutes of the April 30th and September 17th meetings were approved as presented.

V. Reports:

A. Mr. Chan reported that High School Senior Day will be held on Wednesday, October 6th.

B. Mr. Osborne reported that the “Festival” being planned by the Foundation for this year will combine the Athletic and Academic Hall of Fame events into one. This event will NOT be a large fund-raiser (as were the “Wine Festivals” of the past), and will be on March 5th in the Gym. The expectation is that it may “morph” into an event that includes a large-scale fund-raiser in future years. The Foundation is also making good progress towards enlarging the scholarship funds, with endowment growth a part of the planning and giving process.

C. Dr. Bezayiff indicated that the Language Arts position is for both fall and spring semesters. We will be offering summer school in 2011, according to current projections. Draft calendars for 2011-12 and 2012-13 were distributed in advance of planning. At the Consultation Council meeting, it was announced that both BC and CC have improved their work with Curricunet, and that PC is not quite as far along. Mr. Vega will be working to bring staff from the District Office to Porterville to help us with the process. It does appear that the issues are solvable, and we are working towards this end. Equivalency was also discussed, with Dr. Givans wanting a district-wide equivalency policy. The agreement was to work towards a common policy. The Leadership Academy was discussed relative to the lack of funding for faculty development in other areas, to which Tom Burke reported that there ARE funds available for faculty travel and development (this, reportedly, caught everyone off-guard as the notion had been that there are no current staff development or travel funds available). New faculty requests will need to be prioritized and forwarded to Sandra Serrano (she has indicated that the term “replacement” is NOT to be used) by mid-November in order to have job postings made by early January. An ensuing discussion as to a change in our campus’ procedures for position recommendation led to no formal recommendations, but it was agreed to continue this discussion at a later date.
VI. Old Business:

A. The DRC position is still pending (no action).
B. The Graphics position will be 19-hour, and the process is in place (no action).

VII. New Business:

A. The location of the current designated smoking areas on campus are causing some problems. This was referred to the CLC for discussion and/or action.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, secretary