Porterville College Academic Senate
Minutes: August 18, 2011

I. Stewart called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

II. Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Stewart Hathaway, President; David Bezayiff, Past-president; Joel Wiens, President-elect; David Hensley, Secretary-treasurer (Fine Arts); Carmen Martin (Student Learning); Tim Brown (CTE); Vira Lozano (Social Sciences); Sara French-Unser (Language Arts); Terry Crewse (Math-Science); Vickie Dugan (Health-Physical Education); Richard Osborne (PC Foundation Representative); and John Satko (Curriculum Representative). Visitors included Yolanda Vazquez, Craig Britton and Danny Sciacqua.

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

IV. The minutes of the April 15th meeting were approved as corrected.

V. Reports: A. Dr. Hathaway announced that reports should be submitted in writing on the Monday prior to each regular Senate meeting (if these are read in advance, this will help keep meetings shorter and on-task). It was agreed by consensus that Senate meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 8:00am in the Library Conference Room.

VI. Old Business: A. Mr. Hensley was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer for the 2011-12 year (M-S-P, Bezayiff/French-Unser).

B. The Senates at BC and at CC believe a district-wide policy on equivalency needs to be established. (Action tabled for discussion in Divisions.)

C. Campus Smoking Policy Committee: The Senate confirmed the recommendations made by last year’s committee: 1) relocating the bench between the AC and Science-Math buildings; 2) move the smoking behind the library; 3) Remove the smoking area in front of the cafeteria; and 4) addition signage (M-S-P, Hensley/Bezayiff).

D. The position of SLO Faculty Chair remains vacant, and Dr. Hathaway has presented several possibilities for solving this problem.

VII. New Business: A. Dr. Hathaway announced that Senate meeting agenda items need to be presented to him no later than the Monday prior to the regular meetings. Members are asked to include agenda items, reports, and all other supporting documentation.

VIII. Adjourn – 4:03pm

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, Secretary/Treasurer