I. Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:03am.

II. Roll Call: Those in attendance included David Bezayiff, Tim Brown, Terry Crewse, Vickie Dugan, Sara French-Unser, Stewart Hathaway, David Hensley, Vira Lozano, Carmen Martin, Bev Ward and Joel Wiens. Richard Osborne (representing the PC Foundation), Richard Goode, and Rickelle Syrdahl were visitors.

III. The agenda was approved as presented. (M-S-P, Brown/Dugan).

IV. The minutes of the August 18th meeting were approved as corrected.

V. Reports:

A. Dr. Hathaway’s report was presented in writing.

B. Mr. Crewse, representing CCA, reported that CCA membership has increased and the District seems to be playing games with negotiations.

C. Mr. Osborne reported on the Foundation’s donation of numerous benches (located around campus), and of plans now being made for next spring’s Hall of Fame event (scheduled for March 20th, 2012). He further commented on the active role that the Foundation is playing in supporting Porterville College, and encouraged faculty and Divisions to participate in Foundation activities.

D. Dr. Bezayiff was presented with a card and a gift in recognition of his year of service as Senate President.

VI. Old Business:

A. Designated Smoking Areas: The Senate members were escorted to places on campus that have been proposed as designated smoking areas, as was voted at the August 18th meeting.

B. It has been suggested that the Senate investigate the efficacy of a by-laws change to provide for a two-year term of office for the Senate President. Mr. Crewse and Dr. Bezayiff were appointed as a committee to gather information on this (which seems to be a trend at many other community colleges) and report back to the Senate. No formal action.

VII. New Business:
A. Mr. Goode reported on a proposal for alternative Flex Day activities that would meet the state requirements and at the same time allow for both on and off-campus flex activities. Mr. Goode was directed to obtain more information (how this is managed at other community colleges) and to make a follow-up report.

B. Ms. Syrdahl reported that there is strong sentiment in favor of aligning spring break with the Porterville Unified School District’s calendar. Following discussion, consensus was that this is a non-issue at this moment.

C. Accreditation sub-committees have been formed, and there are still a couple of openings for faculty co-chairs. No formal action.

VIII. Adjourn – 9:06am.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Hensley, secretary